



German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks with U.S. President Barack Obama at Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Monday, June 8, 2015, during the G-7 summit. (Michael Kappeler/Pool Photo via AP) Page 3

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Obama Admits No 'Complete Strategy' Against ISIS

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Associated Press

ELMAU, Germany (AP) —

Acknowledging military setbacks, President Barack Obama said Monday the United States still lacks a "complete strategy" for training Iraqi forces to fight the Islamic State. He urged Iraq's government to allow more of the nation's Sunnis to join the campaign against the violent militants. Nearly one year after American troops started returning to Iraq to assist local forces, Obama said the Islamic State remains "nimble, aggressive and opportunistic." He touted "significant progress" in areas where the U.S. has trained Iraqis to fight but said forces without U.S. assistance are often ill-equipped and suffer from poor morale.

IS fighters captured the key Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi last month, prompting Defense Secretary Ash Carter to lament that Iraqi troops lacked "the will to fight." That was a strikingly negative assess-



U.S. President Barack Obama speaks during a media conference at the conclusion of the G-7 summit at Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, southern Germany, Monday, June 8, 2015. The two-day summit addressed such issues as climate change, poverty and the fight against terrorism.

ment of a military that has been the beneficiary of billions in U.S. assistance dating back to the war started during the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush in 2003.

Still, Obama indicated that simply increasing the number of Americans in Iraq would not resolve the country's issues. The U.S. currently has about 3,000 troops there for train-and-

assist missions.

"We've got more training capacity than we have recruits," he said at the close of a two-day Group of Seven meeting at a luxury resort tucked in the Bavarian

Alps.

G-7 leaders invited Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to join them Monday for talks on the security situation in the Middle East. Obama and Abadi also met one-on-one shortly before the president departed for Washington.

In both public and private, Obama urged Abadi and his Shiite-led government to allow more Sunnis to fight the Islamic State. The White House has long blamed Iraq's sectarian divisions for stoking the kind of instability that allowed the militants to thrive.

"We've seen Sunni tribes who are not only willing and prepared to fight ISIL, but have been successful at rebuffing ISIL," Obama said by the U.S. government. "But it has not been happening as fast as it needs to."

In Washington, the highest-ranking Sunni in Iraq's government said Sunni tribes are still receiving insufficient training and inferior weapons compared to the national army. □

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Video released of Boston terror suspect's fatal shooting

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Surveillance video released Monday of the fatal shooting of a Boston man suspected of plotting to kill police officers shows him appearing to move toward officers before they open fire. The blurry video shows a man identified by police as Usaama Rahim, 26, walking through a CVS parking lot on his way to a bus stop June 2 in the city's Roslindale neighborhood. Officers, who authorities say were in plainclothes, approach Rahim but back up as Rahim advances toward them in the parking lot.

The officers then draw their firearms, and Rahim, who is mostly obscured by a light pole during the altercation, falls to the ground. It is not clear from the video what specifically led officers to draw their weapons or which officers discharged them. Police have said two officers — an FBI agent and a police officer — fired three shots. Officials released the original version of the video, which comes from a nearby Burger King restaurant, as well as a version that zooms in on the encounter. Police Commissioner William Evans said Monday that the video shows officers "made the right call." He says police used deadly force after giving Rahim,



Commissioner of the Boston Police Department William Evans walks past a monitor after releasing a surveillance video during a press conference Monday, June 8, 2015, in Boston, which police say shows the fatal shooting of a Boston man suspected of plotting to kill police officers. The video comes from a restaurant across the street, and the figures shown are blurry. Police and the FBI say it shows officers shooting 26-year-old Usaama Rahim on June 2 in the city's Roslindale neighborhood after they attempted to question him about "terrorist-related information."

(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

who is black and Muslim, "multiple chances" to drop a military style knife. Evan says the video shows that Rahim was "well within striking distance" of one of the officers and that officers were clearly backing away. "We averted a serious tragedy that day," he said. "I don't think at this point he was going to go down very easy. ... We can second-guess this, but it unraveled so quickly. I believe my officers acted responsibly." Suffolk District Attorney

Daniel Conley said release of the video before his office's investigation is complete comes as the public has demanded greater "transparency and accountability" when officers use lethal force. Media and technology, he said, have also made it easier for "rumor, speculation, and inaccurate information" to spread. "For this reason, we've agreed to release certain video evidence earlier when it can help illuminate the facts, and when doing

so won't compromise the integrity of the investigation," he said. Authorities last week showed the video to black and Muslim community leaders and Rahim's family. They promised to release the video publicly after Rahim's burial, which was Friday. Darnell Williams, president of the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, said the video largely corroborated the police account of the shooting. But Abdullah Faaruq, an

imam at a Boston mosque where the family prayed, said it was "inconclusive" because it's not clear if Rahim had a knife in his hand. Ibrahim Rahim, who leads a mosque in Oakland, California, said on social media in the hours after the shooting that his brother had been shot in the back. But the family has since recanted those statements, saying they were based on erroneous third-hand information. Ibrahim Rahim and a lawyer for Rahim's family did not immediately respond to requests for comment Monday. Authorities have said the FBI and Boston police's Joint Terrorism Task Force had Rahim under 24-hour surveillance. They say officials intercepted conversations between Rahim and his nephew, David Wright, that suggested Rahim, a private security guard, planned to carry out an attack on police officers soon. Rahim had also talked about beheading anti-Muslim blogger Pamela Geller before deciding to target "boys in blue," they say. Wright, 24, was arrested last week on a charge of conspiracy with intent to obstruct a federal investigation. He's being held in custody pending a June 19 hearing. □

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Murder indictment for officer who shot fleeing black man

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Associated Press

CHARLESTON, South Carolina (AP) — It didn't take long for a grand jury to indict a white former city policeman for murder in the shooting death of a black man who tried to flee from a traffic stop.

State investigators presented the case against former North Charleston officer Michael Slager to a Charleston County grand jury on Monday and prosecutor Scarlett Wilson announced the indictment a few hours later.

A bystander's cellphone video shows Slager firing eight times as 50-year-old Walter Scott tried to run away on April 4. The killing enflamed a national debate about how black people are treated by white police officers.

But it caused no unrest in North Charleston, where community leaders and Scott's family praised the government's swift response. Slager was charged with murder by state law enforcement agents and fired from the police force immediately after Scott's family released the video.

The indictment of Slager is the fourth in less than six months in which a grand jury in South Carolina has agreed that white officers

son, Missouri, met weekly for three months, hearing from 60 witnesses. Saint Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch

Angry protests and riots ensued.

When riots in Baltimore followed the death in police custody of another young

jury that affirmed nearly all the charges. "To the youth of this city, I will seek justice on your behalf. This is a moment. This is your moment," Mosby said in a passionate speech.

Wilson, by contrast, made no speeches. She called reporters to her office to announce the indictment, and made very few comments.

Asked about the importance of the cellphone video of Scott's death, she acknowledged that it's helpful to have evidence that "depicts the crime, and we aren't having to rely just on people's perceptions."

That said, "just because you have video in a case doesn't mean it's the be-all and end-all and the case is over," she said. "The jury will be able to make up their own mind after seeing the video and hearing the testimony." Slager said he initially tried to stun Scott with his Taser when both men scuffled over the stun gun and he fired his handgun at Scott in self-defense. The video shows the men briefly scuffling before Scott runs away and the officer fires at Scott's back. □



Walter Scott's parents, Judy Scott and Walter Scott Sr., gather with attorneys for Scott's family outside the Charleston County Courthouse, Monday, June 8, 2015, after a Charleston County grand jury handed down an indictment for murder against North Charleston Police Officer Michael Slager in the April 4 shooting death of Walter Scott in Charleston, S.C. Slager fatally shot Scott, who was unarmed, as he was trying to run from a traffic stop.

(Grace Beahm/The Post and Courier via AP)

should stand trial in the shootings of black men.

The grand jury that reviewed the shooting of Michael Brown by officer Darren Wilson in Fergu-

son, Missouri, met weekly for three months, hearing from 60 witnesses. Saint Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Bob McCulloch

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Texas officer on leave after video shows him pushing teen

McKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A suburban Dallas police officer has been placed on leave after a video showed him pushing a 14-year-old girl in a bikini to the ground outside a pool and pointing his gun at other black teens.

McKinney Police Chief Greg Conley said at a news conference Sunday that the incident began when officers responded Friday to a report of a disturbance involving a group of young people at

a neighborhood pool. The police department has said they did not live in the area or have permission to be there.

When officers arrived, residents and private security pointed out the juveniles, who were "fighting and refusing to leave," Conley said.

As officers dispersed the crowd, the 14-year-old girl was "temporarily detained" by an officer, said Conley, who did not describe what led to her de-

tainment.

The video showed the apparently white officer pulling the girl to the ground then appearing to use his knees to pin her face-down. He can also be seen pointing his gun at other teens and cursing.

McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller said in a written statement that he was "disturbed and concerned by the incident and actions depicted in the video." He called for the city and police to quickly investigate.

Conley did not identify the officer or the girl. McKinney is an affluent, predominantly white city. Most of the kids seen in the video are black.

Incidents involving white law enforcement and black suspects have raised concerns across the U.S., in particular since last August when a white police officer fatally shot a black 18-year-old in Ferguson, Missouri, fueling a nationwide "Black Lives Matter" movement.

Some witnesses told The Dallas Morning News that the police targeted black kids at the pool party.

But Benét Embry, a local radio personality who is black, said the police officer's action was not about race.

"This is not another Ferguson. This is not another Baltimore. This was a teenage party that got out of hand," said Embry, who lives in the neighborhood and said he witnessed the incident. □

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Victim in Jesse Matthew case describes brutal attack

MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — A decade after she was brutally attacked, a woman told jurors how she screamed, kicked and scratched to fend off an attacker that authorities say is also responsible for the abduction and killing of University of Virginia Student Hannah Graham.

Her efforts to fight him off, prosecutors said, helped produce the DNA evidence that links Jesse Matthew, 33, of Charlottesville to the September 2005 attack — DNA recovered from under her fingernail after she fought

her assailant connected Matthew after he was identified as a suspect in Graham's case last year.

The victim, who flew back from India to testify at the trial, told jurors that she struggles even now to describe what happened to her.

She told the jury that she had walked from her Fairfax townhome to a nearby bookstore and lost track of time while she was reading, not realizing night had approached. She stopped at an adjacent supermarket to pick up a few items and started walking back home. As she returned, she said a

stranger approached her and asked her a confused question about directions. She politely tried to answer, and walked away, saying the man's demeanor left her unnerved.

A few steps from her door, she said, her attacker grabbed her and scooped her up from behind. He dragged her back to some nearby woods.

"He banged my head on the grass, on the ground. I was trying to push him away. I was punching him. He choked me," said the woman, whose name is not being reported by The Associated Press. "He said, 'If



Jesse Matthew Jr. looks toward the gallery while appearing in court in Fairfax, Va. A woman who authorities say was sexually assaulted by the same man charged with killing a University of Virginia student testified against her alleged attacker in a Fairfax courtroom Monday, June 08, 2015.

(AP Photo/The Washington Post, Bill O'Leary, Pool, File)

you scream again, I will twist your neck. If you let me do this, I will let you go."

At some point, she said, she lost consciousness as she was being choked.

She said the attack ended when Matthew dragged her to another location and ran off, right around the time a bystander was approaching.

"She looked like she was nearly dead," said the man who intervened, Mark Castro. She was walking toward me, slowly. ... She had a lot of blood on her. She was in bad shape." During about 90 minutes of testimony, she never explicitly identified Matthew as her attacker. Defense lawyers had questioned whether she could do so reliably, given the passage of time and the pretrial publicity that frequently broadcast Matthew's face in connection with the Hannah Graham case, which drew international headlines. In cross-examination, defense lawyer Dawn Butorac questioned why the woman had not told police earlier that her attacker had tried to rape her, which she disclosed to prosecutors only on Friday.

The woman replied that "it was the most shocking thing and I couldn't come to take it as a reality."

Matthew is charged with attempted capital murder, abduction and sexual assault in the Fairfax case and faces up to life in prison if convicted.

The Hannah Graham case will be tried separately in Albemarle County at a date to be determined. Prosecutors there are seeking the death penalty.

It is unlikely that Graham's case will be brought to the attention of the Fairfax jury. Prosecutors agreed not to present evidence about it at trial, and during jury selection public defender Dawn Butorac made only a vague reference to jurors reminding them that they should not let any information they have gained from the media about "any other case" distract them from their duties in this case.

In Monday's opening statements, Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh told jurors the woman "fought like the dickens" to fend off the attack and that DNA evidence links Matthew to the crime. □

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US Financial Front:

Do more jobs mean more economic security? Not for everyone

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy is churning out a lot of jobs these days but not a lot of financial security for many of the people who hold them. Pay growth, though improving, remains tepid. Many workers have few opportunities to advance. Others have taken temporary, part-time or freelance jobs, with little chance of landing full-time permanent work with benefits. As a result, many jobs don't deliver as much economic punch as they used to. Part of the reason is that U.S. workers have grown less efficient in recent months. When they produce less per hour of work, their earnings power shrinks. So the economy doesn't fully benefit from the fuel that healthy job growth normally provides.

The result is a disconnect between the high number of job gains and a nagging dissatisfaction among some, both job holders and job seekers. Lena Allison lost her job as a private-school kindergarten teacher in layoffs in September. Allison, 54, of Los Angeles has since worked temp jobs and struggled to find permanent work. Online job listings, she says, have made it hard to get face-to-face interviews.

"More people may be working jobs, but they're like these serial part-time jobs," she said. "They're not life-supporting jobs."

Allison's experiences, shared by millions of other workers, contrast with the economic momentum suggested by the May jobs

report released Friday. The government added a solid 280,000 jobs. The unemployment rate ticked up slightly to 5.5 percent, but

That declaration is rooted in the economic data. But it would surprise many Americans. Nearly half of Americans

Bratney said.

One reason the number of new jobs has stayed strong despite sluggish economic growth is that workers have

panies have been slow to invest in machinery, computers and other equipment that would enable their workers to produce more.

"The concern is that there is no way to produce this many jobs in a slow economy without simultaneously having poor productivity growth," says Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an economist and president of the conservative American Action Forum. "Over the long term, the absence of productivity growth is bad for workers and firms alike."

Many of the jobs added since the Great Recession ended in 2009 have been part time in low-paying industries. Those jobs deliver less economic fuel. Nearly 6.7 million part-timers would prefer full-time work — a figure that's fallen in recent years but remains far above the pre-recession level of 4.6 million.

The number of self-employed has also jumped nearly 1.6 million in the past year to 16.2 million, nearly back to pre-recession levels. The self-employed include independent construction contractors and high-priced consultants but also freelancers who struggle to get by. Growth in those areas suggests that more Americans are cobbling together livelihoods from piecemeal work.

MBO Partners, which provides business services to independent workers, calculates that the number of freelancers rose to 17.9 million last year from 15.9 million in 2011. CEO Gene Zaino says the desire of companies to limit costs is driving a shift toward contract and freelance work. □



Ralph Logan, general manager of Microtrain, left, speaks with James Smith who is seeking employment during a National Career Fairs job fair in Chicago. The U.S. economy is churning out a lot of jobs but not a lot of financial security for many of the people who hold them.

(AP Photo/M. Spencer Green)

for a positive reason: More people decided to start seeking a job, and some didn't find one.

Hiring surged in the health care, retail, construction and hospitality and leisure sectors. Many analysts and investment managers cheered as average hourly wages rose at an annual rate of 2.3 percent from 2.2 percent in April, slightly ahead of inflation.

"Not only are the labor markets stronger today than at any point in the past 20 years, but we are beginning to see the start of broad-based wage growth," Rick Rieder, chief investment officer for fundamental fixed income at BlackRock, said in a client note.

say they couldn't afford an emergency expense of \$400 without borrowing or selling something they own, according to a survey released by the Federal Reserve. A striking 60 percent of those surveyed said they expect to go without a pay raise over the next 12 months.

Ben McBratney, 25, accepted a job in tech support last month at a Chicago payments company — his third job since graduating from college with a computer science degree in 2012. He's hopeful that this one will provide a chance for advancement. "Each job has paid me a little less than the one before it, which is not the trajectory that I wanted," Mc-

grown less efficient. Lower productivity can force employers to hire more in the short run. But it also holds down pay. Higher productivity, by contrast, would enable employers to pay more without having to raise prices on their products.

But productivity — which measures output per hour worked — plunged by a 3.1 percent annual rate in the first three months of 2015 after a 2.3 percent drop in last year's fourth quarter. It was the first time in more than eight years that productivity had fallen for two straight quarters. Productivity had expanded 2.1 percent annually, on average, since 2000.

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International pressure on Greece to secure deal swiftly



Two men sit at a traditional cafe in Athens, Greece. Greece faced acute international pressure, notably from President Barack Obama, to secure a deal with creditors fast following days of acrimony that stoked fears of a Greek debt default and exit from the euro.

(AP Photo/Yorgos Karahalidis)

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ATHENS, Greece (AP) —

Greece faced acute international pressure, notably from President Barack Obama, to secure a deal with creditors fast following days of acrimony that stoked fears of a Greek debt default and exit from the euro.

With Greece facing an end-of-month deadline to secure a deal, Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel led calls Monday for a swift resolution to Greece's protracted bailout talks.

At the end of a G-7 summit in Elmau, Germany, Obama said there was a "sense of urgency" to resolve the situation.

"What it's going to require is Greece being serious about making some important reforms," Obama said. The Greeks, he added, will have to "make some tough political choices that will be good for the long term." Obama also stressed that the international community should "recognize the extraordinary challenges that Greeks face, and if both sides are showing sufficient flexibility, then I think we can get this problem resolved."

And German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned time was running out, and that while Greece's euro partners want the country to remain in the eurozone, Athens has to do its part by implementing reforms.

"There's not a lot of time, that's the problem, that's why we have to work as intensively as possible," Merkel said.

A resolution is needed by June 30, when Greece's bailout program ends and the remaining 7.2 billion euros (\$8.1 billion) in rescue loans will no longer be available. Without the funds, Greece cannot repay its debts and could end up crashing out of Europe's joint currency.

Discussions hit a wall late last week, when Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras rejected as unacceptable a proposal from the three institutions overseeing Greece's bailout — the European Central Bank, International Monetary Fund and Euro-

pean Commission.

Worries of a Greek default and euro exit kept markets in check Monday — the Stoxx 50 index of leading European shares closed down 0.8 percent lower and the Athens Stock Exchange ending 2.7 percent lower.

Greek government spokesman Gabriel Sakellariadis said negotiators were in Brussels to explore the "scope for convergence" with creditors and indicated there was room for negotiation.

Sakellariadis reiterated that Greece considers its proposal — a 47-page document delivered by Tsipras during a visit to Brussels last week — to be the basis for a deal.

"The Greek negotiating team that has gone to Brussels is evidently there so as to see the scope for convergence so there can be a mutually acceptable solution to both sides," Sakellariadis said.

The two sides disagree on a number of issues, such as pension cuts and labor reforms. Each side has said it expects a response to its own proposals.

Holger Schmieding of Berenberg Bank said the "room for manoeuvre looks limited," noting that hardliners within Tsipras' radical left party and the government's nationalist coalition partner "may oppose almost any condition which lenders must attach to the disbursement of money." And on the lenders' side, he said "the IMF and — to a lesser extent — the ECB seem to be against any further concessions." □

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Erdogan's ambitions dashed after ruling party loses majority

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — In normal times, you can't escape President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Turkey. His voice booms from television screens, his hands wave at campaign rallies and his face smiles from billboards. Yet as Turkey digested the surprise sinking of support for his long-dominant party, Erdogan's only reaction came in a brief written statement Monday appealing for unity — and acknowledging the sudden need to make new political friends.

"Our people's will is above everything else," said Erdogan, conceding that the new political landscape "does not allow any party the possibility to govern alone."

For the first time since his Justice and Development Party roared into power in 2002, Erdogan may have

lost control of his political fate. His party, reduced to 258 seats in a 550-member parliament, has lost its previous strong majority and faces weeks of talks to form a coalition with opposition forces who will want dearly to bring Erdogan back down to earth.

Erdogan's ruined master plan involved running for president last year with the assumption that his dominant party, known as the AKP, could transform the largely ceremonial post with new powers into an office able to override and outmaneuver parliament.

The expectation was that Erdogan would get what he wanted, because he has seldom lost. But he performed erratically in the subsequent campaign — and many questioned why he was center-stage at all. Under Turkey's constitution, the president is meant to stay above the fray of campaign politics. Not a



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, centre, accompanied by his wife Emine, left, at a polling station in Istanbul, Turkey.
(AP Photo/Leffteris Pitarakis)

candidate on any ballot, Erdogan made the election a referendum on his ambitions.

On the streets of Istanbul and Ankara, voters of many political loyalties

breathed a collective sigh of relief that the era of an unquestioned Erdogan may be over.

"The AKP was suffocating us. The people told it to stop," said Erol Oran, who

runs a barber shop in Ankara. A supporter of the right-wing opposition Nationalists, Oran said he didn't care what kind of coalition emerged from negotiations. "I am just happy that the AKP didn't get what it wanted," he said.

Cem Atac, a 49-year-old mechanical engineer in Ankara, expressed the same sentiment. "What's important is that the dictatorial regime he was trying to bring has been stopped. I am very happy for my country. It's a good result," he said.

"The people turned off their television sets when he came on," said another voter, Zeki Altay, in Istanbul. "He wanted to be the only one in power, and the people did not give him permission." □

Two arrested in Belgium for terror-related investigations

RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Belgian police arrested two people on Monday and sought three more suspects following twin terror-related investigations involving Chechen extremists who were allegedly involved in planning an attack and recruiting people to fight in Syria, authorities said.

At first, 16 men were detained during dawn raids in a half-dozen cities around Belgium and were interrogated before authorities had to release most of them. The suspects belong to two separate Chechen extremist groups that had links between them, the federal prosecutor's office

said. The investigation on the planning of an attack centered on a half-dozen Chechens who communicated through the WhatsApp messaging service. U.S. authorities helped Belgian investigators to get a hold of the messages. Four of them were detained but were released because of a lack of evidence, prosecutor Jean-Pascal Thoreau said. The second investigation centers on a jihadi who had returned injured from Syria, and Thoreau said two were arrested while an arrest warrant was issued against three others. He said the investigation centers on "recruitment, transport and fighting" in Syria. □



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Yemen PM: UN talks aim at 'restoring power' to government

AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemen's internationally recognized prime minister said Monday that upcoming United Nations-sponsored peace talks in Geneva are aimed at "restoring power" to his government and pressuring Shiite rebels to withdraw from the capital and other cities.

Speaking to reporters from the Saudi capital, Riyadh, Khaled Bahah said he hopes the June 14 meeting will lead to more intensive negotiations on a road map for Yemen's future, including an eventual referendum on a draft constitution and fresh elections. His comments were quickly dismissed by the Iran-

supported rebels, known as Houthis, who seized the capital Sanaa last year and still control much of northern Yemen despite more than two months of Saudi-led airstrikes.

Houthi spokesman Mohammed Abdel-Salam said in a statement that Bahah's government is illegitimate and can't impose any preconditions. He called President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi a "tool of Riyadh."

He said the Bahah government "can't talk the language of logic, instead they can talk the language of aggression." He accused it of not wanting the Geneva talks to take place, and said the government would be unable to control its own fractious

forces even if it wanted peace.

Bahah's government, which initially threatened to boycott the talks, said its representatives would only discuss the implementation of a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for the withdrawal of rebel forces from occupied cities, paving the way for Hadi's return to power.

"Going to Geneva is meant to consult on the mechanism of ... the return of the state," Bahah said. "There will be no negotiations."

Bahah vowed to unify and restructure the armed forces, which have split over the conflict, with units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh siding with the Houthis. But Bahah said



Shiite rebels known as Houthis pray during a funeral for fellow Houthis who were killed in a Saudi-led airstrike in Sanaa, Yemen.
(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

rather than purge veteran officers, the government would broaden the military to include troops from different regions, sects and tribes.

"I assure the current army,

you are going to be part of the new army so as not to repeat the story of Iraq," he said, referring to the fateful U.S. decision to dissolve Iraq's army after the 2003 invasion. □



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Report: Israel built, exploded 'dirty bombs' for nuclear test

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel built and exploded so-called "dirty bombs," explosives laced with nuclear material, to examine how such explosions would affect the country if it were to be attacked by the crude radioactive weapons, the Haaretz daily newspaper reported Monday. Israeli defense officials and scientists refused to comment on the report when reached by The Associated Press. However, Israel has what is widely considered to be an extensive nuclear weapons program that it has never declared.

The Haaretz report, which included photographs, said the project conducted 20 detonations with explosives laced with a radioactive substance. Mini-drones measured radiation levels and sensors logged the force of the explosions, Haaretz reported.

Researchers quoted in the Haaretz report said the Is-

raeli tests were for defensive purposes only. They said high radiation was found at the center of blasts while small particles carried by wind didn't pose serious danger, except for the psychological effect of such an attack.

The newspaper said the project, code-named "Green Field" and conducted by staff from Israel's nuclear reactor in the southern town of Dimona, ended in 2014 after four years of tests. Most were conducted in Israel's Negev Desert and one in a closed facility, it said.

Another experiment, called "Red House," tested the consequences of a radioactive substance left in a crowded area without being detonated, the newspaper said. The article said Israeli officials put a radioactive material mixed with water in the ventilation system of a building that simulated a shopping mall. □



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Mexico president poised for majority despite discontent



Mexico's President Enrique Peña Nieto waves to the press at a poll station after casting his vote during the country's midterm elections in Mexico City. Despite widespread disillusionment with his government, Nieto on Monday emerged from midterm elections with an expected congressional majority.

(AP Photo/Marco Ugarte)

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Despite widespread disillusionment with his government, President Enrique Peña Nieto on Monday emerged from midterm elections

with an expected congressional majority that will let him forge ahead with his reform agenda without compromising with opponents.

With 89 percent of the ballots counted, Peña Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary

Party, or PRI, and its two coalition partners received about 40 percent of the vote in Sunday's election.

Under Mexico's mixed system of direct and proportional elections for congressional seats, analysts predicted the PRI coalition will ultimately control 245 to 263 seats in the 500-seat legislature.

"I can assure you that Peña Nieto will be able to put together a majority with certainty," said Roy Campos, director the Mitofsky polling firm. "Having 251, which is what he needs, is practically a done deal."

But "if the government

measures the electoral result as an endorsement," Campos added, "that means they didn't understand this vote."

Halfway through Peña Nieto's six-year term, the election was widely seen as a referendum on a government whose approval ratings have been hit by scandals over real estate deals with government contractors, a less dynamic economy than expected and ongoing security concerns, as well as suspected massacres of civilians and the disappearance and presumed murder of 43 students who were grabbed

by police last September. But a schism in the country's main leftist Democratic Revolution Party caused by former two-time presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador breaking off to launch his own party, known as Morena, cost the left seats and benefited the PRI.

A year after it was formally recognized, Morena will have its first representation in Congress while Democratic Revolution, which was winning less than 11 percent of the vote in the preliminary results, could lose about a dozen seats. □

Spain ex-premier in Caracas to assist imprisoned leaders

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A former Spanish prime minister arrived in Venezuela, where he intends to help lawyers defending imprisoned opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez and Caracas mayor Antonio Ledezma, who is under house arrest.

Felipe Gonzalez flew from Colombia to Venezuela this weekend and was greeted by members of the two men's families.

Gonzalez was criticized by Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro after announcing he would advise Lopez and his supporters. Venezuela's Foreign Ministry has said that Gonzalez isn't welcome in the South American country. He ini-

tially announced plans to come in May, but canceled that trip.

The longtime head of Spain's Socialist Workers' Party led the country from 1982 to 1996.

Former presidents from Colombia and Bolivia also recently made trips to Venezuela to offer backing to the imprisoned politicians. Lopez has been jailed for 15 months in connection with his leadership of Venezuela's spring 2014 protests. He declared a hunger strike on May 24 to demand the scheduling of legislative elections and the release of imprisoned opposition politicians like himself, who human rights groups consider political prisoners. □

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Caribbean Living: In northern Haiti, conservation efforts focus on coastlines

DAVID McFADDEN
Associated Press

CARACOL, Haiti (AP) — Only little fish are pulled from the coastal waters off Haiti.

In this overfished area of northern Haiti, fishermen who want a catch big enough for a meal say they must travel three hours in a boat to the Dominican Republic, where they scour the reefs of a national park and risk arrest, beatings or even death.

"Going over there is the only way we can feed our families," fisherman Wilfrid Desarme said in Caracol, where the sandy beach is lined with small wooden boats that replaced similar ones seized or torched by Dominican sailors who caught Haitians poaching there with rusty spear guns and fine-mesh nets.

Over the decades, impoverished Haiti has gained a reputation as an environmental wasteland. The country has only about 2 to 3 percent of its original forest cover, most of it lost because trees were cut down to make charcoal for cooking fuel. Its waters are severely overfished, leaving only small, young fish to catch. Coral reefs are clogged with silt washing into the sea from denuded hills.

Now, Haitian conservationist Jean Wiener is leading a homegrown campaign to protect the country's northern coastal areas, including barrier reefs and threatened mangrove forests that serve as crucial spawning grounds and nurseries for fish and crustaceans.

Wiener, who studied biology in the United States before returning to Haiti in 1989, saw his profile rise this year when he was among

six global activists who received the prestigious Goldman Environmental Foundation award. The \$175,000 prize awarded by an international jury was a big boost for his nonprofit organization, which has six staff members.



Fish vendors approach fishermen in an attempt to be the firsts to buy their fresh catch as they come in from a day of fishing at Caracol Bay near Cap Haitien, Haiti. The country has successfully created the its first protected marine areas, including Three Bays National Park. The roughly 19,700-acre zone carved last year out of northern Haiti's overfished Caracol, Limonade and Fort Liberte Bays includes as much as 20 percent of the country's remaining mangroves, which are now illegal to chop down.
(AP Photo/Dieu Nalio Chery)

In recent years, the 50-year-old activist has successfully fought to create the country's first protected marine areas, including Three Bays National Park. The roughly 80,000-hectare (19,700-acre) zone carved last year out of northern Haiti's overfished Caracol, Limonade and Fort Liberte Bays includes as much as 20 percent of the country's remaining mangroves, which are now illegal to chop down.

But no one enforces the legislation Wiener helped push through in 2013 to protect the mangroves, and he acknowledges there's a long way to go before the new protect-

ed marine areas become more than lines on a map. Like many sea sanctuaries around the globe, Haiti's new protected zones are "paper parks," without adequate resources to enforce restrictions.

"For our marine environ-

other marine and coastal habitats in the country," says Maxene Atis, conservation coordinator for The Nature Conservancy's central Caribbean program.

If the government agrees to provide a few rangers

dozens of Haitians at an eight-acre property near Three Bays to manufacture briquettes made primarily from sugarcane husks. These charcoal briquettes are cheaper than the traditional ones made from mangrove and other types of wood and allow farmers to make money off their agricultural waste.

Haiti's northern coast suffers from the harvesting of coral offshore for construction material and soil erosion that deposits smothering silt along the coastal shelf. It's also threatened by effluent from the slowly expanding Caracol Industrial Park that was built after southern Haiti's devastating 2010 earthquake with more than \$124 million in U.S. investments and is anchored by a South Korean textile company.

In the face of the diminishing fish populations, Wiener says he is developing alternative livelihoods for local fishermen. Right now he's looking just at honey production, but before the end of the year he hopes to introduce seaweed and oyster production as options.

For now, Haiti has one booming fishing sector left. Near the mouth of a river in Limonade, villagers gather by the hundreds nightly to hunt translucent "glass eels," using scoops fashioned from mosquito nets. The baby eels, which look like noodles with tiny dark eyes, are not eaten in Haiti, but sent by brokers to Asia, where they are fed a high-protein diet to speed their growth. Haiti's unsustainable export market for the globally endangered eels started in 2012, kick-started by Korean businessmen at the industrial park. □

ment, right now at least, there's no law enforcement whatsoever," Wiener says.

Still, scientists have high hopes that the sprawling Three Bays park can eventually help rebuild severely depleted fish stocks and make Haiti's coastal ecosystems more resilient to a warming planet with rising seas and acidifying oceans. There's been plenty of research showing fishermen eventually haul in more fish when a patrolled marine reserve nearby provides a safe haven for fish to grow.

Haiti's new park "contains the most extensive and healthiest coral reefs and

to patrol Three Bays, Wiener says his Foundation for the Protection of Marine Biodiversity could secure the funding to pay their salaries.

The stakes for Haiti's environment are especially high in the coastal areas. Wiener's group last year prepared the first comprehensive report on Haiti's remaining mangroves and found destruction was "extreme" because the trees were being used by people dependent on charcoal for cooking.

To help ease pressures for charcoal and fuel wood, another nonprofit group called Carbon Roots International works with



From The Kitchen Table by White:

Chef Urvin Croes Launches 11th Menu: A Tribute to Afro-Caribbean Cuisine

--Exploring cuisine from our neighbouring islands.

PALM BEACH - Chef Urvin Croes, born and raised in Aruba, graduated from Dutch culinary school and went on to gain experience in Michelin star restaurants in Europe. Coming back to Aruba, Chef Urvin had a dream to open Aruba's first fine dining, modern gourmet cuisine restaurant. With the opening of White Modern Cuisine in 2012, that dream came true, and White Modern Cuisine is now recognized as one of Aruba's best fine dining establishments, having been named Aruba's #1 modern cuisine restaurant and winner of numerous other culinary awards. The local and international acceptance and enthusiasm for White Modern Cuisine gave Chef Urvin the confidence and inspiration to work towards his next vision.

He talks with passion about the inspiration he found in the typical Aruban and Caribbean dishes he grew up with and how he envisioned bringing these typical tastes to a level of haute cuisine. So when he was approached by Blue Residences, right across from Eagle Beach, in the summer of 2014, he did not hesitate, opening the now most talked about gour-



met restaurant, The Kitchen Table by White.

At The Kitchen Table by White, Chef Urvin is revolutionizing the way vacationers and islanders regard Aruban and Caribbean cuisine. Using a monthly changing, fixed menu concept for the 16 seat restaurant, guests are surprised by elegant and exquisite dishes, with the option to

be perfectly paired with a wide-ranging selection of fine wines.

For his 11th menu Chef Urvin was inspired to pay tribute to the Afro-Caribbean cuisine as he feels that this is the foundation of most Caribbean cuisine today. The eight course culinary journey starts with a trio of amuses, including a nod to the French Creole cuisine with Crab and Grits, the Chef's play on the famous Shrimp and Grits. The amuses are followed by a succulent Jerked Tuna which of course is a salute to the island of Jamaica. Chef Urvin explains that he replicated the process of jerking the Martinique way, and included mango chutney which was introduced in the Caribbean by immigrants from India. It is the past and the present in one dish, you have never

tried anything like this. The third course is Saltfish Keri Keri with a Johnny Cake. Keri Keri and Johnny cake are staples of Caribbean cuisine, you would be hard pressed to find any island in the region that does not have their own version of this stewed, flaked fish and the cornmeal flatbread. If you would have to find one point of critique for this dish it would only be that you could not have a lifetime supply to take back home. The fourth course is a Pumpkin Soup, which typically on the islands is prepared with coconut milk, giving it that authentic, Caribbean flavour. The sixth course is the star of the show, the Filete de Res Dominicana, inspired by Chef Urvin's childhood nanny, Tia Ramona, who hailed from the Dominican Republic. Tia Ramona used to

prepare this for the family and today Chef Urvin honors her memory with this perfectly cooked, brilliant interpretation of one of his favorite childhood meals. The culinary journey comes to an end with the seventh and eighth courses, a Pineapple Upside Down cake and Banana Cream Pie. Chef Urvin recently married his sweetheart and says that the Pineapple Upside Down cake is based on one of her recipes. Finally, for the last aria, chef Urvin presents you a deconstructed Banana Cream Pie with Spiced Rum, to send you home on a cloud of delight.

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as “Aruba Ray” because of his passion for Aruba. Ray has been coming to Aruba every month for over three years, and produces and hosts these incredible comedy shows on the island. He is a popular comedian in New York, and has brought his talent and colleagues to Aruba. Ray has appeared on many television programs; he is the host of the new Gong Show Live, a resurrection of the classic 70’s television show. He also

hosted the popular talk show Late Net, and hosted the television shows The Movie Loft, Brain Fuel, and New York Now. He also produced and directed the very successful film The Latin Legends of Comedy, distributed by 20th Century Fox. Ray co-created and is co-starring in the new television show Brokeland. The shows are at 830pm, every night, from June 9th to July 9th, in the Amsterdam Ballroom at the Marriott Resort, down the hall from the casino. Doors open at 8pm. It is suggested to arrive early - seating is first come first serve. The showroom is intimate - it is suggested you purchase tickets in advance at www.ArubaComedy.com. You can also purchase tickets (subject to availability!) at the Amsterdam Ballroom showroom door at 730pm. The tickets are \$34. And each Comedy Ticket gives every audience member a

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event in Latin America. Tomorrow's program, (Wednesday June 10) will consist of a concert by Masters and students interpreting Anton Arensky's String Quartet No.2 in A minor, Op.35. The musicians are Dmitri Berlinsky, Violin; Richard Young, Viola; German Marciano, Cello and Marcio Carneiro, Cello. In tomorrow's edition of Aruba Today we will bring you information of the oth-



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Serena Williams of the U.S. poses with the cup after the final match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Saturday, June 6, 2015 in Paris. Associated Press

Nadal 10th in rankings; Wawrinka to No. 4

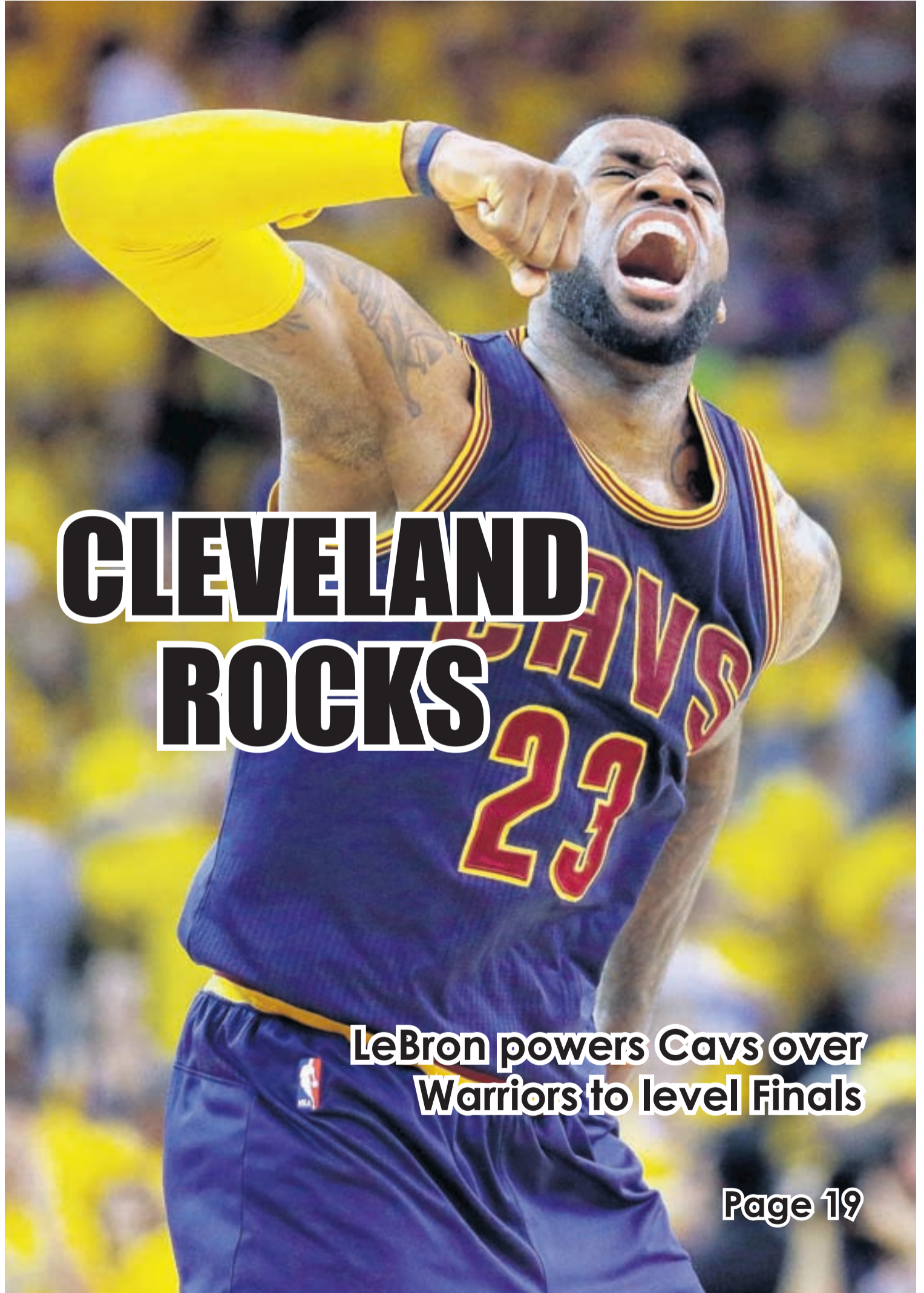
PARIS (AP) — Nine-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal's loss in the quarterfinals dropped him three places to No. 10 in Monday's ATP rankings, his lowest spot since April 2005, while champion Stan Wawrinka rose from No. 9 to No. 4.

Novak Djokovic maintained a healthy lead at No. 1, despite losing to Wawrinka on Sunday in the final at Roland Garros. That prevented Djokovic from completing a career Grand Slam.

It was Djokovic who beat Nadal this year, ending the Spaniard's 39-match French Open winning streak. Wawrinka's 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 victory in the final — a year after he lost in the first round in Paris — gave him a second major title. He also won the 2014 Australian Open.

No. 2 Roger Federer, No. 3 Andy Murray and No. 5 Kei Nishikori did not move in the rankings.

Serena Williams' third French Open championship and 20th Grand Slam title overall increased her margin at No. 1 in the WTA rankings. □



CLEVELAND ROCKS

LeBron powers Cavs over
Warriors to level Finals

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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) celebrates after end of the overtime period of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 7, 2015. The Cavaliers won 95-93 in overtime. Associated Press






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Dolphins defensive tackle moonlights as an Uber driver

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AP Sports Writer

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Word on the street is Miami Dolphins reserve defensive tackle A.J. Francis has good acceleration, an excellent motor and a high ceiling in his 2014 Dodge Charger. He's an Uber driver.

Francis is under contract to earn \$510,000 this year in his third NFL season, but paychecks don't start coming until July, and it's uncertain he'll make the team. He wanted some extra spending money, so in April he became a driver for hire with Uber, making \$40 to \$50 an hour.

"I'm not putting all my eggs in one basket," Francis said following the Dolphins' off-season practice Monday. "Where I'm from, when you have a job, where are you when that job is over?" Team officials have voiced no objection regarding Francis' moonlighting.

"Yeah, I was kidding him about Uber or Yuber or whatever you call it," defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle said. "It's a little outside the box, but so is he." The outgoing Francis said the job suits him because he enjoys meeting people. He hopes to pursue a broadcasting career after football, so he polishes his interviewing skills by videotaping conversations with passengers, and posts them on YouTube.

"He's a talker," said his wife, Tatiana, who married Francis in March. "He'll talk your ear off about anything." Francis recently finished his third semester studying for a master's degree in international security and economic policy, and he sounds like an economist talking about Uber's im-



Miami Dolphins defensive lineman A.J. Francis poses inside his vehicle after an NFL football organized team activity, Monday, June 8, 2015, in Davie, Fla.

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pact on the market.

"Everywhere Uber is, it thrives," he said. "The resistance comes from taxi drivers who don't want to get beat out, because they know they can't compete. Which is funny to me, because in no other aspect of American culture are you allowed to stifle capitalism."

Because of his studies and the Dolphins' offseason training schedule, the flexibility Uber offered was appealing to Francis. He tries to work at least three days a week, in shifts of four to five hours. He said he'll stop driving for pay once training camp starts.

NFL veterans who worked

in the offseason were common a few decades ago, but in an era when even bottom-of-the-roster players make half a million dollars a year, Francis is a throwback.

No Uber rider has recognized the 6-foot-5, 330-pound Francis as a professional football player, which doesn't surprise him. He was undrafted out of the University of Maryland, has spent much of his pro career on practice squads and has yet to play in an NFL game.

"People just think I'm some big dude in a nice car," he said. "I tell them at the end of the interview who I am, and the shock on their face

is really funny."

Tatiana said friends and family are also surprised when they learned of her husband's offseason job.

"I admire him for it," she said. "You always have to have a hustle, you know? Football is something that doesn't last forever."

Tatiana said Francis is a good driver, and he agreed, saying he has never been ticketed.

"Just like I'm a world-class athlete, I'm a world-class driver," he said with a grin. "If I wasn't 330, Tony Stewart should watch out."

Uber jobs have taken Francis from Boca Raton to South Beach, and he has waited in vain for the

chance to drive someone to another state. He would love more time to chat up a passenger.

He has given lifts to a couple of his teammates, and has been teased by most of them. Pro Bowl defensive end Cameron Wake said he has yet to hire Francis as a driver.

"I have a car, so I probably wouldn't," Wake said. "But I can't knock anybody's hustle. He's an interesting guy."

Coach Joe Philbin said he would recommend Francis to anyone in need of a ride. "Definitely," Philbin said with a smile. "But I would suggest that they bring some earplugs along." □



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LeBron, Cavs recover after beating Warriors, tying Finals

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Once LeBron James tied up the NBA Finals with another one of his virtuoso postseason performances, his legs were in knots.

He needed ice, treatment and rest. He wasn't the only one.

After a pair of entertaining, exhausting, drama-filled overtime games at Golden State, everyone — players, fans, even the refs — needed a day to take a breather and recover before the Cavaliers and Warriors resume a series getting stellar TV ratings and shifting to Quicken Loans Arena for Game 3 on Tuesday night. As midnight approached in California following Cleveland's stunning 95-93 OT win on Sunday night, James, who scored 39 points with 16 rebounds and 11 assists, grimaced as he lifted himself from a chair on the postgame interview dais. He was hurting after playing 50 methodical minutes, one game after going 46.

James, incredibly, believes he can give more.

"It's a maximum of five games left in the NBA season," he said. "So I'm ready for whatever."

He has been all season.

With James leading the way, the Cavaliers, who were already a heavy underdog before losing All-Star guard Kyrie Irving to a broken left kneecap in the opener, dragged down the Warriors and Stephen Curry, the league's MVP.

Hounded by Cavs guard Matthew Dellavedova, who seemed to be inside his jersey, Curry missed 18 of 23 shots and ended his

night with an uncharacteristic 3-point air-ball with four seconds left in overtime.

But while Dellavedova's contributions starting in place of Irving were huge, James was again the difference and the reason why the Cavs can't be dismissed.

The best all-around player of his generation, James has pushed a team missing two All-Stars — Irving and Kevin Love — and a franchise that has its first finals win, within three victories of an improbable title that would end Cleveland's 51-year major sports championship drought.

James hasn't been flawless, far from it. He's twice missed potential game-winning shots in the final seconds, and has made only 40 percent of his field-goal attempts.

However, he's dictating the pace of the game, controlling the clock and slowing the run-and-gun Warriors, who are accustomed to doing things their way. He's also motivated his teammates — James dubbed them "The Grit Squad" — by telling them that they not only belong in this series, but they can win it.

The Cavs may be underdogs, but James is reminding them that this is their moment. And as he chases his third title, one that would crown his brilliant career and help him make good on a promise to his home area, James has the Cavs savoring every step.

"We have a chance to be a part of history," he said.

Cavs coach David Blatt has watched James with awe.

"You'd be hard pressed to

find a guy anywhere, anytime, I can think of a name or two, but that's the whole history of basketball, that can give you the kind of all-around performance and all-around leadership that LeBron does for his group," he said. "He really willed his guys to win that game."

"That's what a champion does."

James is averaging 41.5 points, 12 rebounds and 8.5 assists in his fifth straight finals. He's drawn inspiration from doing it without Love and Irving, proving his doubters wrong and the 30-year-old suggested that there is "other motivation" driving him.

Maybe it's a chance to outperform Curry, tagged by some as his heir apparent as the league's biggest star.

Curry was off the mark from the start in Game 2, and afterward he didn't have an explanation for going 2 of 15 on 3-pointers. Warriors coach Steve Kerr isn't worried about his superstar.

"It happens to everybody, whether you're the MVP



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, left, passes the ball as Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green defends during the first half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, June 7, 2015.

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or a role player," Kerr said. "Sometimes the shots don't go in. Sometimes things don't go your way. Steph will bounce back. He's a great player. We'll help him. We'll try to see if we can get him into a better groove. But he'll be fine." The workload on James has been overwhelming, maybe even too much for him. He's as mentally focused as

he's ever been, and heading into the finals, James acknowledged his game is at its pinnacle.

He's dug deep to make it through two games, and he may be forced to play 40-plus minutes per game from here on out.

"Am I built for it?" said, repeating a reporter's question. "Well, of course I'm built for it." □

Yankees win sixth straight, 6-2 over Angels

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — CC Sabathia pitched six sharp innings before being ejected for arguing balls and strikes and Brett Gardner hit a tie-breaking, three-run homer Sunday as the New York Yankees won their season-high sixth straight game, 6-2 over the Los Angeles Angels.

Jose Pirela hit his first MLB homer and Chris Young also connected off C.J. Wilson (3-5) for New York, which came back to win after building big leads in the first two games of the series. The Yankees swept the Angels, losers of five in a row, in a series of at least three games for the first time since 2003.

Sabathia (3-7) gave up back-to-back homers to Mike Trout and Albert Pujols in the first inning but then breezed through a struggling Angles lineup the rest of the way, notching his 2,500th career strikeout in the fifth.

RAYS 3, MARINERS 1

SEATTLE (AP) — Chris Archer became the first pitcher in more than 100 years to reach double-digits in strikeouts without a walk in three straight starts, leading Tampa Bay over Seattle.

Archer (7-4) fanned 11 with zero walks in seven innings.

No other pitcher had managed such a streak since 1914.

Archer had five three-ball counts and gave up six hits, along with an unearned run. After striking out 12 against Seattle on May 27 and 15 against the Angels last Tuesday, he won his fourth straight decision overall.

Kevin Jepsen pitched the ninth for his fourth save of the season and third in the four-game series.

Mike Montgomery (0-1) pitched well against his former club, but got little run support.

ROYALS 4, RANGERS 3

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — Salvador Perez hit a solo home run with two outs in the eighth inning, lifting Kansas City over Texas.

Perez hit his eighth homer, sending a pitch from Kevone Kela (4-2) into the Royals' bullpen.

Wade Davis (3-1) picked up the victory, working around Prince Fielder's double in the eighth. Greg Holland pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save in 10 opportunities.

RED SOX 7, ATHLETICS 4

BOSTON (AP) — Rusney Castillo hit a solo homer and an RBI single during a seven-run rally in the eighth inning that sent Boston over Oakland for a three-game



New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia, left, reacts after giving up back-to-back home runs to Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout and Albert Pujols, right, during the first inning of the baseball game Sunday, June 7, 2015, in New York.

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sweep.

Xander Bogaerts delivered a go-ahead, two-run double. The Red Sox got eight hits in the comeback before ambidextrous Pat Venditte, Oakland's fifth pitcher of the inning, got the last out.

Steven Wright (3-2) pitched 3 1-3 innings of shutout relief for the win. Tommy Layne threw a perfect ninth for his first save.

Kendall Graveman took a shutout into the eighth inning before Castillo led off with a homer. Bogaerts doubled off Tyler Clippard (0-3) and Castillo's single capped the scoring.

BLUE JAYS 7, ASTROS 6

TORONTO (AP) — Chris Colabello extended his hitting streak with a two-run single that capped a ninth-inning rally, and Toronto beat Houston for its fifth straight win.

Jose Bautista hit a pair of solo homers and Russell Martin added a two-run shot for Toronto, which scored three times in the ninth to complete a three-game sweep. Colabello's game-ending single increased his hitting streak to 17 games, the longest active run in the majors.

Liam Hendriks (1-0) pitched two innings for the win.

Luke Gregerson (2-1) was handed his second blown save in 17 chances.

Pinch-hitter Munenori Kawasaki doubled to begin the ninth and scored on a single by Jose Reyes.

TIGERS 6, WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Yoenis Cespedes and J.D. Martinez homered in the sixth inning to power Detroit past Chicago.

The Tigers have won consecutive games after dropping eight straight, their longest skid since 2005.

Alfredo Simon (6-3) struck out seven and allowed four runs — one earned — in eight innings. Joakim Soria earned his 16th save in 18 chances.

Detroit finished with 10 hits after getting 18 on Saturday. The middle of the order — Cespedes, Tyler Collins and Martinez — combined for eight hits and six RBIs.

The Tigers rallied with three runs in the sixth on homers by Cespedes and Martinez, who had three RBIs.

Cespedes cut Detroit's deficit to 4-3 with a solo shot, his eighth. Two batters later, Martinez hit a two-run drive, his 10th.

Cespedes added an RBI single in the eighth.

Avisail Garcia homered for

the last-place White Sox.

ORIOLES 7, INDIANS 3

CLEVELAND (AP) — Matt Wieters hit his first home run in more than a year and Bud Norris won in his return from the disabled list as Baltimore beat Cleveland. Adam Jones also went deep to help the Orioles take two of three in the series. They have won three of four after losing five in a row.

Wieters, the MLB All-Star catcher who returned Friday from Tommy John surgery last season, connected in the ninth for his first home run since May 1, 2014. He was 5 for 12 with three RBIs in the series.

Norris (2-4) was activated before the game after missing a month with bronchitis. He allowed one run and struck out seven in five innings to win for the first time since April 26.

TWINS 2, BREWERS 0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Mike Pelfrey pitched eight strong innings, his longest outing in three years, and Minnesota avoided a series sweep by beating Milwaukee.

Eddie Rosario and Eduardo Escobar had RBIs for the Twins, who otherwise struggled with runners on base. Glen Perkins worked a scoreless ninth for his MLB-leading 21st save in as many chances.

Pelfrey (5-2) allowed eight hits and struck out seven. He has yielded only three earned runs over his last four starts, spanning 28 innings. This was his longest performance since April 21, 2012 — his last outing before Tommy John surgery.

Minnesota, which entered fourth in the majors with a .298 batting average with runners in scoring position, finished 2 for 12 in those situations after going 1 for 6 on Saturday.

In other AL games it was N.Y. Yankees 6, L.A. Angels 2; Toronto 7, Houston 6; Baltimore 7, Cleveland 3; Boston 7, Oakland 4; Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 4; Minnesota 2, Milwaukee 0; Kansas City 4, Texas 3; and Tampa Bay 3, Seattle 1. □

Condition of fan hit by broken bat upgraded to fair



Tonya Carpenter is seen in an undated photo provided by the family of Tonya Carpenter. Carpenter, 44, of Paxton, Mass., who was hit by a broken bat at Fenway Park during a game between the Oakland Athletics and the Boston Red Sox on Friday night, remains in serious condition Sunday, June 7, 2015 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Hospital in Boston.

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BOSTON (AP) — The condition of the woman hit by a broken bat at Fenway Park has been upgraded to fair. The family of Tonya Carpenter issued a statement Monday that said: "Tonya is responsive, and her condition has been upgraded from serious to fair."

Carpenter, 44, of Paxton, suffered what police initially said were life-threatening injuries during Friday night's game between the Boston Red Sox and Oakland Athletics. She was struck in the head in the second inning when the bat of Oakland's Brett Lawrie broke and sailed into the seats along the third-base line when he hit a ground ball. □

Cards rally with 3 runs in 8th to beat Dodgers 4-2

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CARDINALS 4, DODGERS 2
 LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jhonny Peralta homered and singled home the go-ahead run during a three-run eighth inning, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Sunday. Matt Carpenter drew a leadoff walk from reliever Adam Liberatore, and scored the tying run on a triple down the right-field line by Matt Holliday that skipped past Yasiel Puig — who was playing his second game after missing 39 because of a strained left hamstring. Holliday's hit came off Juan Nicasio (1-2). Peralta, who leads St. Louis with 34 RBIs, followed with his clutch hit and scored on Mark Reynolds' one-out double to left-center. Kevin Siegrist (3-0) pitched one inning for the victory. Trevor Rosenthal, the sixth Cardinals pitcher, threw a perfect ninth for his 19th save in 20 attempts.
PHILLIES 6, GIANTS 4
 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pinch-hitter Jeff Francoeur drove in two runs with a two-out double in the seventh inning to help Philadelphia beat San Francisco and stave off a series sweep. Freddy Galvis led off the inning with a single. After another hit and a double play, Ben Revere worked a walk to set the stage for Francoeur. He hit a pitch from San Francisco reliever Javier Lopez into the left-field corner, scoring Galvis and Revere. Right-hander Ken Giles (2-1) earned the victory, getting five outs. He struck out the side in the eighth inning for the Phillies, who ended a three-game losing streak. Jonathan Papelbon allowed a run in the ninth inning, but managed his 12th save in as many opportunities. Maikel Franco hit a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth inning, his sixth of

the season, to give the Phillies an extra insurance run.
METS 6, DIAMONBACKS 3
 PHOENIX (AP) — Curtis Granderson hit two of New York's three leadoff homers, Jacob deGrom struck out 10 in seven effective innings and the Mets bashed their way past Arizona. Granderson led off the game with a home run, had another to start the fifth and the Mets hit four homers off Josh Collmenter (3-6) in six innings to earn a four-game split. Eric Campbell hit a two-run homer in the second inning and Wilmer Flores led off the sixth with a solo shot. Juan Lagares had three hits and deGrom (7-4) recovered after a shaky first inning to win his fourth straight decision. Jeury's Familia worked a perfect ninth for his 17th save, aided by fine defensive plays from Lagares and Flores.
CUBS 6, NATIONALS 3
 WASHINGTON (AP) — Kris Bryant tripled, doubled, singled and scored twice as Chicago sent Washington to its eighth loss in 10 games. Jason Motte pitched a perfect ninth for his first save since 2012, when he led the National League with 42 for St. Louis before getting hurt. Closer Hector Rondon threw a perfect eighth — a day earlier, manager Joe Maddon said he might put the right-hander in some lower-pressure situations to get settled. Chris Coghlan and Starlin Castro both had two hits and two RBIs, helping the Cubs take three of four in the series. The Nationals fell out of the NL East division lead, passed by the New York Mets. Kyle Hendricks (2-2) went five innings, giving up three runs and six hits. Jordan Zimmermann (5-3) had won his last four decisions. He began this game 1-4 lifetime against the Cubs, and ran into more

trouble, giving up four runs on 10 hits in five innings.
PIRATES 3, BRAVES 0
 ATLANTA (AP) — Gerrit Cole pitched seven strong innings to win his fourth straight start, Starling Marte had a two-run single in the three-run fifth inning as Pittsburgh beat Atlanta. Cole, the first overall draft pick of 2011, became the first Pirate since Emil Yde in 1924-25 with 30 victories in 53 or fewer career starts. Cole (9-2) allowed six hits, three walks and struck out seven, throwing 74 of his 116 pitches for strikes. He leads the National League in victories and with a 1.73 ERA. His 13 victories over his last 17 starts lead the majors over that span. Mark Melancon earned his 18th save in 19 chances, facing the minimum in the ninth by getting pinch-hitter Pedro Ciriaco to fly out and striking out Jace Peterson and Cameron Maybin. Alex Wood (4-3) took the loss. He was ejected in the fifth inning for arguing balls and strikes.
REDS 4, PADRES 0
 CINCINNATI (AP) — Jay Bruce homered twice to drive in all four runs and Johnny Cueto earned his first win in almost a month, leading Cincinnati over San Diego. Cueto and relievers J.J. Hoover and Aroldis Chapman combined to retire the last 15 batters, helping the Reds avoid a sweep. Cueto (4-4) gave up four hits in seven innings, striking out nine and walking two. It was his first win since May 9. The right-hander made his second start since missing two outings because of inflammation in his pitching elbow. Last year, he became the Reds' first 20-game winner since 1988. Odrisamer Despaigne (3-4) lasted six innings. The Padres had won six straight over the Reds since May 2014.
MARLINS 3, ROCKIES 2, 10 INNINGS



St. Louis Cardinals' Jhonny Peralta, right, hits a solo home run as Los Angeles Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal, left, and home plate umpire Lance Barrett watch during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Sunday, June 7, 2015, in Los Angeles.

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Triple Crown winner burned up last quarter-mile in Belmont

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NEW YORK (AP) — 24.32 seconds.

With a final quarter-mile dash to the finish even faster than Secretariat, American Pharoah ran into Triple Crown history with a dazzling display of speed and endurance in the Belmont Stakes.

Triple Crown winner Secretariat may have taken the 1973 Belmont by a record 31 lengths and in a record time of 2:24, but American Pharoah was faster to the finish over the final 440 yards (0.4 kilometer). Big Red took 25 seconds; American Pharoah was .68 seconds quicker.

"He flew home the last quarter," American Pharoah's trainer Bob Baffert said Sunday. "I've never had a horse like that. I've never seen a horse run like that. I wasn't around for the Seattle Slew and Secretariats. But what we witnessed ... I was pretty in awe."

So was a roaring crowd of 90,000 at Belmont Park.

American Pharoah owner Ahmed Zayat believes his horse is a worthy addition to the Triple Crown club. His winning time proves it.

The colt's 2:26.65 clocking for the 1 1/2-mile (2.4 kilometer) Belmont is second to Secretariat's among the 12 Triple Crown winners — and sixth fastest in Belmont history.

"Sometimes I can't believe I have him in my barn," Baffert said of the colt who has won seven in a row after a career-opening defeat. "To see this horse finally do something like this ... You have to have a superior horse, and he also has to be tough and be able to handle the grind."

His acceleration at the end of a race longer than most horses will ever run was extraordinary. Several Triple Crown hopefuls fired in the stretch over the years, including Baffert's Silver Charm (three-quarters of a length) and Real Quiet (nose). This time, not an issue. "He made the lead in the first turn and just threw those ears forward," Baffert



Victor Espinoza reacts after guiding American Pharoah to win the 147th running of the Belmont Stakes horse race at Belmont Park, Saturday, June 6, 2015, in Elmont, N.Y. American Pharoah became the first horse since Affirmed in 1978 to win the Triple Crown.

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said. "That's a happy horse right there. He was lovin' it. When he came to the quarter pole, Victor (Espinoza) still had a hold of him after going that far." With Frosted, and even

Keen Ice, moving up, Baffert thought about what had happened before.

"Turning for home, I was prepared for somebody coming because I've gone through this so many times

and I was just hoping for once ..." he said.

American Pharoah simply took off with his fluid stride, pulled away and won by 5 1/2 lengths.

"It was a beautiful moment," Baffert said. "I'll never forget the sound of the crowd when they were turning for home. I've never been involved in anything like that. 'It's ridiculously insane what he did.' Two times before, Espinoza had come up short in Triple tries, including last year with California Chrome. But closing in on the finish line, he knew he had a winner."

"It's just an amazing feeling that you have when you're 20 yards from the wire," he said. "And then at the wire I was like, 'I cannot believe I did it.'" And a day later, after three races in five weeks at tracks in Kentucky, Maryland and New York, American Pharoah looked like he was ready to go again.

"Silver Charm, Real Quiet, they went through it and it was really tough on them," Baffert said. "I looked at this horse today and for a horse than ran 1 1/2 miles he looked pretty darn good. He's just a tough horse and he's handled it." □

Nine-man San Jose draws 0-0 with FC Dallas in MLS

SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— The San Jose Earthquakes held on for a scoreless draw against FC Dallas in Major League Soccer on Sunday after receiving two red cards and playing a man down for most of the second half.

Mark Sherrod was whistled for the first red card in the 53rd minute after attempting to jump over Dallas

goalkeeper Dan Kennedy, who was on the ground after securing a cross, and making contact with his head. The second red card came after J.J. Koval's studs-up challenge on Ryan Hollingshead in the 87th minute.

FC Dallas was also reduced to 10 men in the 75th after Je-Vaughn Watson was sent off.

In Sunday's other match, Colorado drew 0-0 with Real Salt Lake. Both team had good scoring chances in the closing minutes. Colorado's Dillon Powers missed a penalty in the 89th minute, and on the final play of the game, Real Salt Lake's Javier Morales gathered a loose ball near the penalty spot, but his shot was deflected just wide. □

Real Salt Lake forward Sebastian Jaime (23) has his shot blocked by Colorado Rapids goalkeeper Clint Irwin (1) during MLS action in Sandy Sunday, June 7, 2015.

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TRANG BANG, Vietnam (AP)

— He stands in the north-bound lane of Vietnam's Highway 1, traffic swirling around him, horns honking. He is pointing. Right there, he says — that's where it happened. That's where the screaming children appeared. That's where I made the picture that the world couldn't forget.

Huynh Cong "Nick" Ut was 21 on that day more than half a lifetime ago when he stood on the same road, pointed his camera northeast and captured one of history's most famous images — a naked Vietnamese girl screaming and fleeing after South Vietnamese planes looking for Viet Cong insurgents attacked with napalm from the air.

On Monday, 43 years later to the day, Ut went back to document some of his Vietnam War memories with a tool from an entirely different era — a 4-ounce iPhone 5 equipped with the ability to send photos to the world in the blink of a digital eye.

"I stood here and watched the bombs come down," Ut said of those long-ago moments just before he exposed a frame of Kodak



Pulitzer winning photographer Nick Ut gestures while talking with media at the place where he took his iconic 'Napalm girl' photo 43 years ago on Monday, June 8, 2015 in Trang Bang, Vietnam.

Tri-X black-and-white film that carried the likeness of 9-year-old Kim Phuc, her body severely burned.

"I was so young then," the

longtime Associated Press photographer said.

Ut's June 8, 1972, image of Kim Phuc, now known as the "napalm girl," helped



Ho Van Bon, 52, points at himself in the iconic 'Napalm girl' photo taken by the Pulitzer winning photographer Nick Ut 43 years ago on Monday, June 8, 2015 in Trang Bang, Vietnam.

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crystallize the debate America had been having for more than half a decade about a far-off war that was lethal to so many. But the image began its persuasive work on newspaper pages many hours later, not in the instantaneous fashion we see today.

So when Ut returned to the village of Trang Bang on Monday, he came equipped with something more era-appropriate: He brought his iPhone with him and was given custody of AP Images' Instagram account for the day.

That gave him the power to upload, instantaneously, images that during the war would have taken hours to get 25 miles south to AP offices in Saigon, then in and out of the film-developing process before a print could be beamed to the world.

Sitting in a van bound for Trang Bang, Ut, a digital Leica around his neck, took a few practice shots with the iPhone. As he headed north from Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, the scenery revealed the ways Highway 1 has changed since the war. Today's roadside attractions include a restaurant called "Sushi World" and

a roadside vendor hawking a small-scale Statue of Liberty.

Then, as the van crossed a bridge, he announced arrival at the site of the famous image: "Right here! Right here!"

He pressed the phone against the windshield to photograph the road, then followed up with an image of the temple where Kim Phuc and her family took refuge before the bombing. Ut has made this journey often — usually at least once a year in recent years, he says. It remains significant to him. He and the picture — and, by extension, the village — are forever linked.

In Trang Bang, Ut visited a roadside stall operated by two of Kim Phuc's cousins, then walked a kilometer down the road to where he made the famous image. There, he faced a gaggle of photographers as traffic changed lanes to avoid them.

The scene that unfolded was a curious one: Ut taking pictures, Ut taking pictures of his own pictures, people taking pictures of Ut taking pictures. By the time it wrapped up, it was unclear whether more images were taken by Nick Ut or of him. □

S. Korean team wins \$2M in disaster-response robot test

POMONA, California

(AP) — The robots drove, walked through rubble, climbed stairs, turned valves and sometimes fell, amid cheers and groans from a crowd of thousands at the Fairplex in Pomona, California.

After three years of research, development and an obstacle course of competition, a South Korean team on Saturday won the three-year and \$3.5-million U.S. contest to create a robot capable of responding to disaster conditions that are unsafe for humans.

Team Kaist of Daejeon took home \$2-million in first-place prize money for its DRC-Hubo robot, which successfully completed

eight tasks related to disaster response in less than 45 minutes at the DARPA Robotics Challenge Finals.

The contest by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) started after the 2011 Fu-



kushima-Daiichi nuclear disaster in Japan. Workers couldn't vent hydrogen from the overloaded reactors without enduring excess radiation. The idea was to create a robot that could do such important emergency tasks in the future and get to the problem site.

Competition was fierce among 23 international teams, including a dozen

In this June 5, 2015 photo provided by the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the DRC-Hubo robot from Team Kaist of South Korea negotiates a stairway, one of a series of tasks to simulate disaster response that would be too hazardous for humans, at the DARPA Robotics Challenge Finals in Pomona, Calif.

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from the United States and 11 from Japan, Germany, Italy, South Korea and Hong Kong. The robots were timed while navigating eight tasks they would likely encounter in emergency scenarios. The challenge required the teams have their robots face increasingly difficult competitions over two years.

Team IHMC Robotics of Pensacola, Florida, finished second, winning \$1 million for its robot Running Man. Tartan Rescue of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and its robot CHIMP designed by Carnegie Mellon University's National Robotics Engineering Center came in third, winning \$500,000.

The event was live-streamed and YouTube

videos culling together clips of the robots taking falls throughout the competition were tweeted out.

"These robots are big and made of lots of metal, and you might assume people seeing them would be filled with fear and anxiety," said Gill Pratt, DARPA program manager and the competition organizer in a statement. "But we heard groans of sympathy when those robots fell. And what did people do every time a robot scored a point? They cheered! It's an extraordinary thing, and I think this is one of the biggest lessons from DRC: the potential for robots not only to perform technical tasks for us, but to help connect people to one another."

Shares of Humana rally on silence and a withdrawal

TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

Humana has pulled out of a major health care conference and said it will not comment on rumors of a merger, actions that will likely fuel Wall Street speculation that the insurer is part of a developing deal.

Shares of the Medicare Advantage coverage provider, which hit an all-time high late last month, rose Monday while broader indexes slipped.

Humana said that it has re-

ceived analyst and investor questions about its outlook and the possibility that it will "participate in industry consolidation."

"The insurer said that as part of a long-standing policy it won't comment on speculation and that it will observe a quiet period that lasts until it announces second-quarter results July 29. Humana Chief Financial Officer Brian Kane was scheduled to speak Wednesday at a Goldman Sachs global HealthCare conference

in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Kane is a former Goldman, Sachs executive who joined Humana last year.

Several other major figures in the industry, including the CEOs of Humana rivals Aetna Inc. and Anthem Inc., are listed as conference speakers.

Humana Inc. is the nation's second-largest provider of Medicare Advantage plans, which are privately run, federally funded versions of the Medicare pro-

gram for people over age 65 and the disabled. The plans are expected to be a key source of growth for health insurers as the nation ages.

The insurer's statement Monday may mean that merger talks are ongoing, Leerink analyst Ana Gupte said in a research note.

She added that Aetna, Anthem and Cigna Corp. may all have an interest in Humana.

"We also conclude that the talks will likely culminate in

a deal," Gupte wrote.

Humana shares soared to an all-time high of \$219.79 on May 29 after The Wall Street Journal reported that the insurer was a takeover target.

Shares of the Louisville, Kentucky, company climbed \$2.30 to \$216.84 in heavy trading Monday while broader indexes and Anthem shares both fell slightly.

Aetna and Cigna shares climbed less than 1 percent. □

US stocks end lower, pushing Dow into the red for the year



PepsiCo Chairwoman and CEO Indra K. Nooyi, center, is applauded as she rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, Monday, June 8, 2015, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the merger of Frito-Lay and Pepsi-Cola.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

STEVE ROTHWELL
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NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones industrial average slipped into the red for the year on Monday as stocks extended their slump.

Airlines were among the biggest losers amid concern that capacity growth

in the industry may curb profitability. JetBlue Airways, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines were among the carriers that declined.

Stocks have sagged in the past two weeks as investors try to assess if Federal Reserve policymakers will

raise their benchmark interest rate later this year for the first time since the recession. A stronger-than-forecast jobs report on Friday suggested that the economy is recovering from its winter slump.

The Fed has kept its benchmark interest rate un-

changed at close to zero for more than six years to help support lending and boost the economy. Those low rates have also boosted the stock market in that time, pushing it to record levels.

"The market is suggesting that if the data continue at this pace, the Fed will be more inclined to raise rates in September, rather than waiting," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 13.55 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,079.28. The Dow fell 82.91 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,766.55, giving it a loss of 0.3 percent for 2015.

The Nasdaq composite declined 46.83 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,021.63.

On Monday, slumped as industry executives met in Miami for the International Air Transportation group's annual general meeting.

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker told Reuters at

the meeting Sunday that he was worried that growth in airline capacity could depress profits.

Brokerage Raymond James cut its earnings forecasts for American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and United Continental. The firm said in a note that "softer" economic growth would mean that airlines would struggle to raise fares as much as they had previously anticipated during the stronger summer months.

American Airlines was among the leading decliners in the S&P 500, dropping \$1.86, or 4.5 percent, to \$39.86. Delta Air Lines, United, Southwest Airlines and JetBlue also fell.

The drop for airlines extended a theme of weakness for the transport sector.

The Dow Jones Transportation average is down almost 9 percent this year, a slump that is giving a potentially worrying signal about the economy even as hiring picks up. □

Deutsche Bank shares soar on planned leadership change

BERLIN (AP) — Shares in Deutsche Bank soared Monday, a day after the company said its co-CEOs, Anshu Jain and Juergen Fitschen, will step down early.

The bank's shares were up 5.1 percent in afternoon trading in Frankfurt at 29.02 euros — by far the biggest gainer on the DAX index of leading German shares, which was off 0.7 percent.

The rise follows Sunday's statement from Germany's biggest bank that Jain, 52, will depart at the end of this month while Fitschen, 66, will follow next May. Their successor will be British banker John Cryan, initially as co-CEO with Fitschen and then in sole charge. Cryan, 54, is currently a member of the company's supervisory board.

Cryan was president for

Europe at the Singaporean investment company Temasek from 2012 until last year. He was previously chief financial officer of the Swiss bank UBS AG.

Jain and Fitschen became joint chief executives in 2012, succeeding Josef Ackermann, and had contracts running through March 2017.

They have sought to move the bank past lawsuits and

legal issues that in some cases dated back years and stressed the need for the bank to change its culture.

Still, those issues have continued to cast the bank in an unflattering light.

In April, Deutsche Bank agreed to pay \$2.5 billion to authorities in the U.S. and Britain to settle allegations its traders rigged important market

interest-rate benchmarks used to determine rates on a variety of debt.

Unrelatedly, Fitschen and two predecessors went on trial that month on charges of attempted fraud for allegedly colluding to deceive judges in a long-running legal battle with a now-deceased media mogul, Leo Kirch. Fitschen and the other defendants have denied any wrongdoing. □

AP analysis: More 'phony numbers' in reports as stocks rise

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Those record profits that companies are reporting may not be all they're cracked up to be.

As the stock market climbs ever higher, professional investors are warning that companies are presenting misleading versions of their results that ignore a wide variety of normal costs of running a business to make it seem like they're doing better than they really are. What's worse, the financial analysts who are supposed to fight corporate spin are often playing along. Instead of challenging the companies, they're largely passing along the rosy numbers in reports recommending stocks to investors.

"Companies are tilting the results," says fund manager Tom Brown of Second Curve Capital, "and the analysts are buying it."

An analysis of results from 500 major companies by The Associated Press, based on data provided by S&P Capital IQ, a research firm, found that the gap between the "adjusted" profits that analysts cite and bottom-line earnings figures that companies are legally obliged to report, or net income, has widened dramatically over the past five years.

At one of every five companies, these "adjusted" profits were higher than net income by 50 percent or more. Many more companies are in that category now than there were five years ago. And some companies that seem profitable on an adjusted basis are actually losing money.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. After the dot-com crash of 2000, companies and analysts vowed to clean up their act and avoid highlighting alternative versions of earnings in a way that could mislead investors.

But Lynn Turner, chief accountant at the Securities and Exchange Commission at the time, says companies are still touting "made-up, phony numbers" as much as they did 15 years ago, perhaps more, and few experts are calling them out on it.

"The analysts aren't doing enough to get behind the numbers that management gives them to find out what's really going on," Turner says.

Offering an alternative view of profits that leaves out various costs is not new. It's perfectly legal, and sometimes helpful as a tool for investors to gain insight into how a business is doing.

But with stocks breaking record after record and the current bull market entering its seventh year, there's more money riding on the assumption that the earnings figures being touted by companies and analysts are based on sound calculations.

"The longer the rally, the bigger the downside because of all the smoke and mirrors," says money manager John Del Vecchio, co-author of "What's Behind the Numbers?" a book on how profit reports can mislead.

In its study, AP compared bottom-line profit figures that follow rules called generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, to the adjusted profit figures calculated by financial analysts and collected by S&P Capital IQ. AP looked at companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

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Sears 1Q loss narrows; sales slump

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NEW YORK (AP) — Sears' first-quarter loss narrowed but sales continue to slump as the retailer prepares the rollout of its real-estate investment trust this week to raise cash.

Sears Holdings Corp., which operates Sears and Kmart stores, said that it expects the real estate investment trust that it is forming, Seritage Growth Properties, will be declared effective by the Securities & Exchange Commission this week.

Sears, based in Hoffman Estates, Illinois, is planning to sell and lease back about 235 properties, most of them Sears and Kmart stores, to the REIT. The company expects \$2.6 billion in proceeds. The transaction also includes the purchase of interest in its joint ventures. The chain closed more than 200 Sears and

its first quarter and sales for a key measure continue to slump at its stores.

Sears is trying to extract value from its real estate holdings and replenish its cash as it tries to turn around its long-suffering retail business. The company is also selling some of its assets such as the Lands' End clothing business.

At the same time, the company is shifting its focus from running a store network to operating an online and offline business tied together by its Shop Your Way loyalty program. The company said that during the company's fiscal first quarter, its Shop Your Way program accounted for more than 70 percent of eligible sales. The goal is to have smaller and fewer stores and have them tied to online services. But the latest report shows the big challenges that continue for billionaire hedge fund manager Ed-

Greg Melich, an analyst at Evercore ISI, noted that the company doesn't appear to be well positioned this year given its continued market share losses and anemic sales.

"While these asset sales have kept (Sears) solvent,

"We have taken actions to generate substantial amounts of liquidity and provide our company with longer-term financial flexibility in a way that not only allows us to continue to operate our stores, but also is structured to accelerate the right-sizing of our store space," said Rob Schriesheim, chief financial officer at Sears, in a pre-recorded transcript. But he acknowledged that the company still has a lot of work to do to "generate an acceptable level of return for our shareholders."

"While these asset sales have kept (Sears) solvent,



A worker repairs the Sears sign outside the Sears Grand store in Solon, Ohio. Sears Holdings Corp. reported mixed quarterly financial results before the market opens, Monday, June 8, 2015.

(AP Photo/Amy Sancetta)

Kmart stores in 2014.

In April, Sears struck three real estate transactions, including getting \$150 million from a joint venture with mall operator Macerich. It also has deals with General Growth Properties Inc. and Simon Property Group Inc. Before establishing the REIT, the retailer had been subletting some of its excess space to Forever21 and Whole Foods. With the new real estate maneuver, the company said it will create a mechanism to continue that move in an accelerated fashion. The REIT will have the ability to recap-

ward Lampert, who is Sears Holdings' CEO and chairman, in turning around the company. Lampert combined Sears and Kmart in 2005, about two years after he helped bring Kmart out of bankruptcy. The combination has proved unsuccessful, and the company, known for shabby stores, has been slow to compete with the likes of Wal-Mart, Home Depot and Best Buy, which have been updating their locations. Sears finished its fiscal year with its eighth annual revenue drop and its fourth annual loss. Losses continued into

it remains far from being on a path to stability or recovery," wrote Melich in a report published Monday.

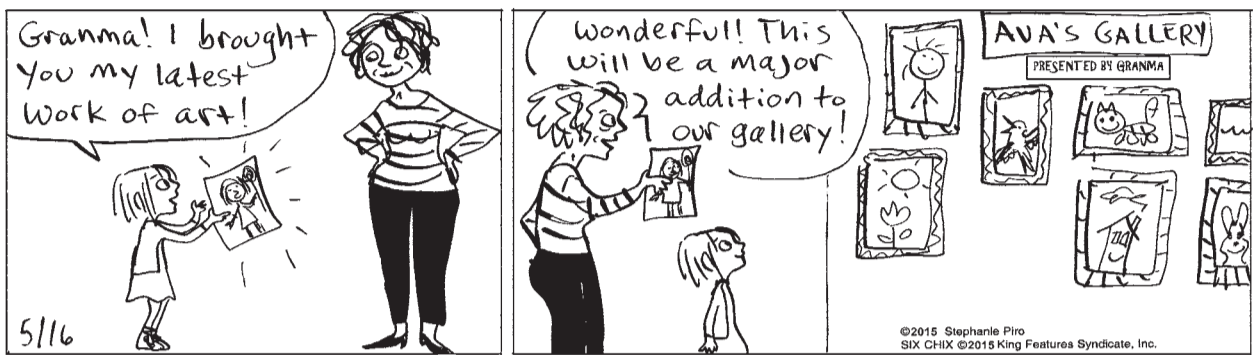
Sears' stores experienced weakness in consumer electronics, clothing, home appliances, lawn and garden and Sears Auto Centers. Kmart had weaker sales of consumer electronics, grocery and household, clothing and drug-store items.

The company lost \$303 million, or \$2.85 per share, in the latest quarter. Losses, adjusted for one-time gains and costs, were \$2 per share. □

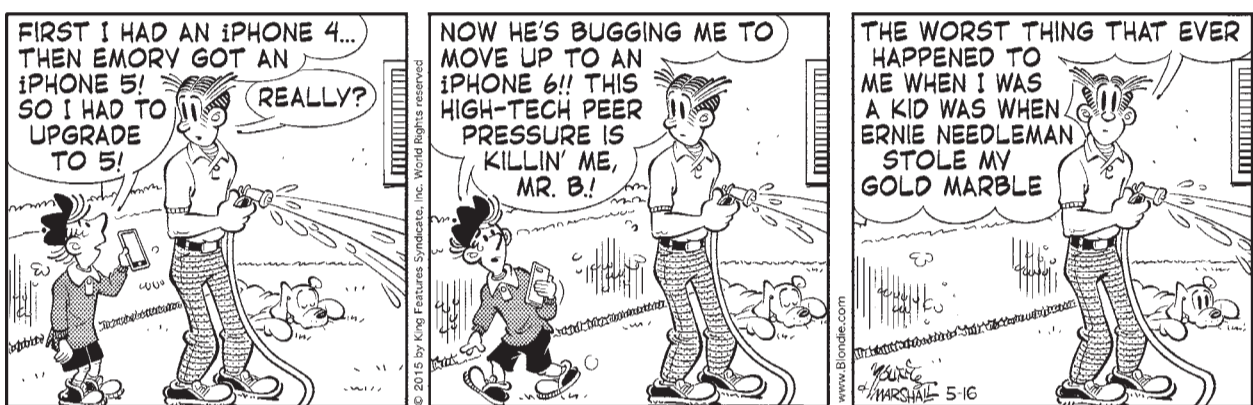
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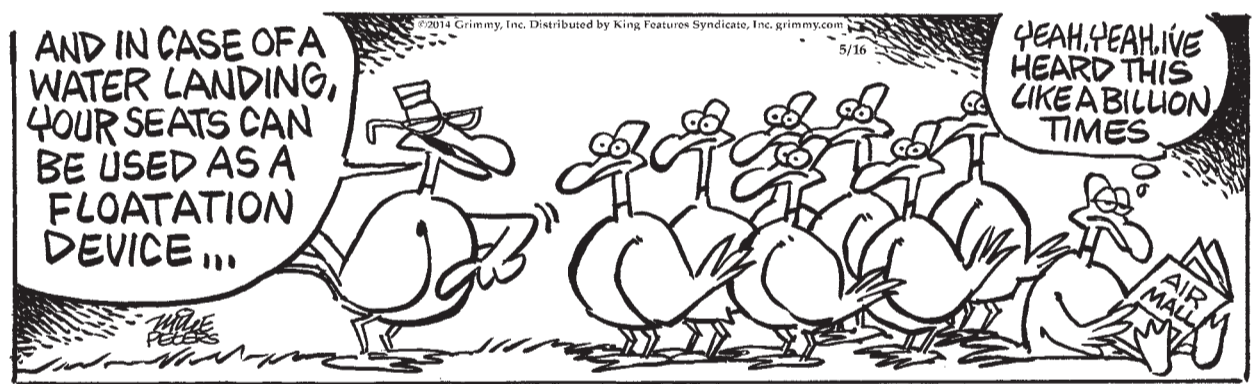
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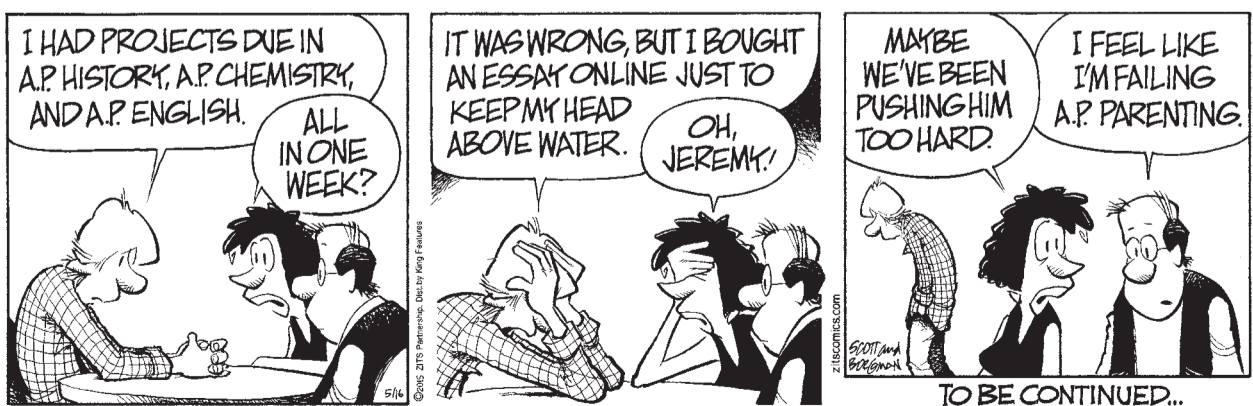
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Mayo container
- 4 Zeal
- 9 "Wonderful Life"
- 13 Kiln
- 15 Sifting device
- 16 Close by
- 17 Jeff Bridges' brother
- 18 Nat and Natalie
- 19 Table seasoning
- 20 Unwanted flab
- 22 Annoys
- 23 Convent dwellers
- 24 Sra. or Mme.
- 26 Calm
- 29 Ruin deliberately
- 34 Mel or Woody
- 35 Small ravine
- 36 Money sent to Uncle Sam
- 37 Hired vehicles
- 38 Base-stealer's move, often
- 39 Easy stride
- 40 Huge bird from Australia
- 41 Stadium
- 42 Not as coarse
- 43 Wrecking
- 45 Least risky
- 46 Singer Tillis
- 47 Suffered defeat
- 48 Health nut's lunch, perhaps
- 51 Try to sell in the classifieds
- 56 Crew members
- 57 Unsuspecting
- 58 ___ as a pin
- 60 Oxford or loafer
- 61 Leg joints
- 62 Deep long cut
- 63 Totals
- 64 Valuable thing
- 65 Sault __, Marie

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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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TROUT	LASER	SKI
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BEGS	COAT	NOTES
YENS	HULA	TOAST

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DOWN

- 1 Duty
- 2 Hail Marys, for short
- 3 Gather crops
- 4 Go skyward
- 5 Street uprisings

- 6 Sandwich shop
- 7 Hand __; deliver
- 8 Look like
- 9 Be adamant
- 10 Drop of joy or sorrow
- 11 Polio vaccine developer
- 12 ___ and crafts
- 14 Very subtle differences in meaning
- 21 Destroy
- 25 Trigger's rider
- 26 Walked the floor
- 27 Peruvian pack animal
- 28 Scrapbook
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- 31 Make amends
- 32 Stares, openmouthed
- 33 ___ oneself; put forth effort
- 35 Valley

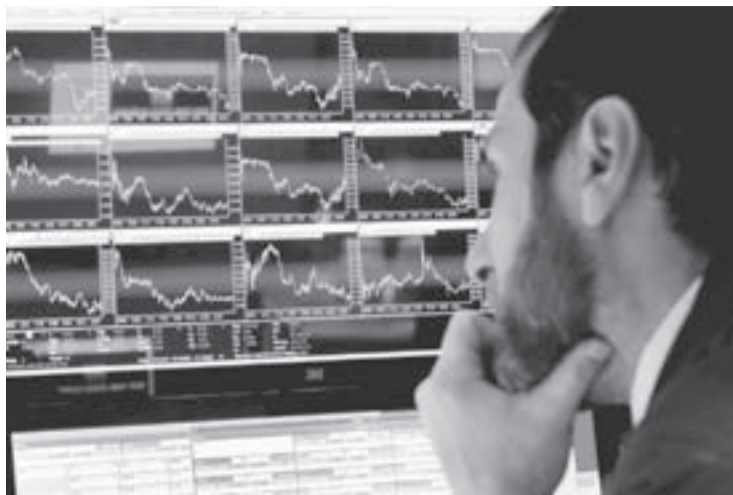
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- 41 Grow old
- 42 Quick
- 44 Entertains
- 45 Most miffed
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- 52 Marino and Rather
- 53 Competes
- 54 Adriatic and Mediterranean
- 55 Vane direction
- 59 Definite article

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Most of the time, the adjustments made companies look better by leaving out things like costs related to laying off workers, a decline in the value of patents or other "intangible" assets, the value of company stock distributed to employees, or losses from a failed venture. Critics argue that these are regular costs and shouldn't be excluded.

"The data is more confusing than it's been in a long time, and the reason is all the junk they put in the numbers," says fund manager Michael Lewitt of the Credit Strategist Group. He says analyst reports don't help, and finds himself spending too much time sifting through the same "nonsense" figures he confronted back in the dot-



Specialist Michael Pistillo watches his screens at his post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. As the stock market climbs ever higher, professional investors are warning that companies are presenting misleading versions of their results that ignore a wide variety of normal costs of running a business to make it seem like they're doing better than they really are.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

com days.

Michelle Leder, founder of Footnoted.com, which produces detailed analyses of financial statements, says most investors don't even bother to sift, preferring instead to seize upon

a single number, often the wrong one.

Boston Scientific, a maker of medical devices like stents used to prop open arteries, had adjusted profits of \$3.6 billion in the five years through 2014, according to analysts' calculations. But if you include a write-off for a failed acquisition, various "restructuring" charges and costs stemming from layoffs and lawsuits, it's a different picture entirely: \$4.9 billion in net losses.

In a brief talk to analysts in April, the chief financial officer at Boston Scientific used the word "adjusted" in referring to results 34 times, twice every minute, on average. The word is also littered throughout the company's presentations and financial reports. In recent years rivals Medtronic, Stryker and Zimmer have also highlighted their results this way, says Raj Denhoy, an analyst at Jefferies, an investment bank.

Aluminum giant Alcoa has taken "restructuring" and related charges in 20 of the past 21 quarters. The company reported net losses of more than \$900 million in the five years through 2014, but analysts have largely shrugged them off because they're tied to a strategic shift that involves getting rid of unwanted businesses. Analysts prefer to point to the \$3.1 billion in adjusted profits during that time.

To be fair, analysts see the adjusted figures more as a tool for helping estimate future profits than as a judg-

ment on the past. They say many losses and charges are not likely to recur and shouldn't be included in their calculations.

But in an age of constant change, when some companies revamp their business repeatedly, many one-time items are starting to seem not so one-time anymore. □

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Week	room	price
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26	543	\$ 5,300
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48/49	119	\$ 4,500
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30/31	524	\$4,500
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27	103	\$4,000
29	134	\$4,500
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TIMESHARE FOR SALE by owner

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Cross-country bike trip aims to inspire young scientists

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Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Seven students from Harvard and MIT are cycling across America, stopping in many rural towns to get kids interested in science through hands-on workshops to program computers, launch model rockets and build robots. The students hope to inspire the next generation of scientists and use the workshops — they call them “learning festivals” — to brush off dusty stereotypes.

“We’re trying to break as many of the stereotypes as possible. For science, you think of people in lab coats with gray hair,” said group member Drew Bent, a freshman studying physics and electrical engineering at MIT. “We’re coming into the festivals with bikes. We want to show that engineering can be glamorous, and that a lot of us are athletes.”

The project is called Spokes, a collaboration that started in 2013 when a group of students from dif-



In this May 29, 2015 photo provided by Simon Shuham, Shadi Fadaee, standing, teaches during an electrical engineering workshop at The Grammar School in Putney, Vt. Fadaee is one of seven students from students from Harvard and MIT participating in a project called Spokes. They are cycling across America, stopping in many rural towns to get students interested in science through hands-on workshops.

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ferent colleges embarked on a trip that was part endurance challenge, road trip and teaching experience. Since then, each year’s members have recruited the next year’s group. This year, students left from Washington, D.C., on June 1 and will finish in California in August, with

plans to host a dozen workshops along the way at schools and libraries.

After finishing their ride in Sausalito, California, the group will head back home, but they’ll stay connected to some of the students they meet. For the first time, the group is awarding 10 grants of \$1,000 to pay for student inventions that solve real-world problems. Along with the money, grant winners will be paired with Harvard and MIT students to serve as mentors.

“We want to get students excited about engineering,” Bent said, “but the real question is, ‘How can we sustain this excitement after we leave?’”

At the workshops, Spokes members invite students from grades 6 to 12 to tackle experiments that pack lessons in engineering and computer science. Participants study aerodynamics and then blast gunpowder-fueled model rockets hundreds of feet skyward. They learn about electrical circuits and then assemble simple motorized robots. The goal is to give students memorable lessons that get them thinking about careers in science and math.

“We can’t teach them programming in a day, but we can get them excited about programming,” Bent said.

On a route that spans 4,000 miles (6,400 kilometers), the group typically skips big cities in favor of rural towns. They target areas where schools might not have the resources for flashy experiments, and where careers in science aren’t always visible. The first workshop is planned for June 12 in Hazard, Kentucky, with a population of 5,400.

“A lot of these communities are hard to reach and aren’t along the beaten path,” said Simon Shuham, a Harvard sophomore. In contrast, he added, many students at Harvard had the benefit of strong science programs back home.

All of the students in Spokes are studying science fields, but they come from a

range of backgrounds. One is from Iran and another from Chile. Two are women. All share an interest in teaching and got help crafting their lessons from Teach for America, a national group that places teachers in rural and inner-city areas.

As a tuneup for the tour, the group hosted a workshop in May with seventh- and eighth-grade students at the Grammar School in Putney, Vermont — a 115-student school one of the Spokes members attended.

Seventh-grader Ethan Cameron was part of a class that learned the basics of computer programming.

He and other students shouted verbal computer commands to move a Spokes member from his helmet to his bicycle, and then used code to create computer animations.

“I’m not the most interested in computers, but it makes me want to learn more about computers work and how things are programmed,” Cameron said later.

The workshop challenged students, but they embraced the lessons, said Paul Hopkins, a science teacher at the school.

“I think that if you give kids the chance to learn hands-on with these kinds of things, then they’re always going to be eager learners,” he said. □



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This 2015 photo provided by REELZChannel and Asylum Entertainment shows the Miller Family, from left, Veno, 22; Hercy, 12; Cymphonique, 18; Percy (Master P); Romeo, 25; and Mercy, 10, in Southern California, who star in "Master P's Family Empire," debuting Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015, on REELZ.

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Rapper Master P says his new reality show is positive, cool

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hip-hop mogul Master P says his new show brings something that's missing from reality TV: positivity.

The rapper invited cameras to follow his life with five of his children, ages 10 to 25, for "Master P's Family Empire."

"We're about to make it cool to watch good, positive, family TV," Master P, whose real name is Percy Miller, said in a recent interview. "The Kardashians are entertaining, but what we're doing is positive entertainment, which is supposed to not be cool. With my family, we're going to make it cool, because we've been cool our whole lives."

The show, set to launch in November on Reelz, will follow the single dad as he navigates raising his youngest children while his oldest carve out entertainment careers. Son Romeo, 25, is a rapper and actor. Son Veno, 22, is a model. Daughter Cymphonique, 18, is a Nickelodeon star and aspiring singer-songwriter. The youngest boys are Hercy, 12, and Mercy, 10. "Whatever the stereotype of what a hip-hop

family looks like, we'll show them what it do look like," Master P said, acknowledging the reality could come as a surprise to fans of his music.

"My music is hard and street, but me, I'm more of a laid-back guy," he said. "The music is like my job, but when my job is over, I come home and am a dad to my kids, like Arnold Schwarzenegger in 'Kindergarten Cop.'"

'Lethal Weapon' actress Mary Ellen Trainor dies at 62

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Character actress and philanthropist Mary Ellen Trainor, who appeared in "The Goonies" and "Lethal Weapon" films, has died. Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy confirmed on Monday that Trainor, a longtime friend, passed away at home in Montecito, California, on May 20. She was 62.

Trainor got her start in the film business as a producer's assistant on a number of movies including the 1979 Steven Spielberg film "1941," which her eventual husband, director Robert Zemeckis, wrote. After the couple married in 1980, Zemeckis cast Trainor in her

Netflix acquires Brad Pitt's McChrystal satire 'War Machine'

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AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Netflix has acquired the satirical comedy "War Machine," with Brad Pitt set to star as General Stanley McChrystal, adding a major dose of star power to the streaming service's growing stable of original films.

Netflix, which announced the acquisition Monday, will produce the film, to be directed by Australian filmmaker David Michod ("Animal Kingdom," "The Rover"). Shooting is set to begin in August, with the movie scheduled for release on Netflix sometime next year.

"War Machine" is based on Michael Hastings' book "The Operators: The Wild and Terrifying Inside Story of America's War in Afghanistan." Hastings penned the infamous 2010 Rolling Stone profile of McChrystal that led to his resignation. The book and profile were based on weeks of nearly unfettered access to the general in 2010.

"War Machine is a rip-roaring, behind-the-facade tale of modern war decision-makers, from the corridors of power to the distant regions of America's ambitions," said Ted Sarandos, chief content of-



In this Friday, Jan. 9, 2015, file photo, Brad Pitt arrives at the AFI Awards at The Four Seasons Hotel in Los Angeles.

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ficer for Netflix. Netflix has steadily made inroads into the movie business, promising to upend its traditional theatrical window system and more quickly debut movies to its 60 million-plus subscribers, following a limited release in theaters.

Netflix has inked deals with the Weinstein Co. for a "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" sequel, a new Pee-wee Herman movie with Judd Apatow, and a series of comedies with Adam Sandler. Other plans include a movie with Ricky Gervais, a documentary deal with Leonardo DiCaprio and a four-picture deal with Mark and Jay Duplass. With sometimes splashy ac-

quisition prices, Netflix also has picked up Cary Fukunaga's "Beasts of No Nation" at the Sundance Film Festival and Richie Smyth's "Jadotville" at the Berlin Film Festival.

Two Netflix-distributed documentaries — "Virunga" and "The Square" — have earned the company its first two Oscar nominations. Now, with the pedigrees of Michod and Pitt, it could be aiming for Oscars in the fiction film categories too.

"We are so excited to be a part of the inspiring commitment by Netflix to produce cutting-edge content and to deliver it to a global audience," Pitt said in a statement. □

role on "Roswell."

"Mare and I have been close since our days together as college roommates, and she even provided the introduction to Steven Spielberg that jumpstarted my career," Kennedy said in a statement. "She was a great actress, warm friend and generous spirit."

Zemeckis and Trainor, who divorced in 2000, had one child, Alex Zemeckis.

A memorial service will be held on June 19 in Montecito. Actress Mary Ellen Trainor, who appeared in the "Lethal Weapon" films and "The Goonies," has died. Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy confirmed on Monday that Trainor,

a longtime friend, passed away at home in Montecito, California, on May 20. She was 62.

Trainor was married to director Robert Zemeckis for 20 years (they divorced in 2000). Zemeckis cast Trainor in her first film, "Romancing the Stone," as the kidnapped sister of Kathleen Turner's character.

In addition to a number of cameos in Zemeckis's films, Trainor became a regular fixture in some of the biggest films of the 1980s. She played a police psychiatrist in "Lethal Weapon" and its sequels, a television reporter in "Die Hard" and the mother of two main characters in "The Goonies." □

B.B. King estate fight looms for family group, longtime aide

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LAS VEGAS (AP) — Just days after blues legend B.B. King was laid to rest near his birthplace in the Mississippi Delta, a battle over his estate is moving from the headlines to the courthouse in Las Vegas. Attorneys for King's designated executor, LaVerne Toney, have filed documents in a Nevada court to fend off allegations that King family members were kept away in his dying days, that he was mistreated medically and that his money was siphoned off before he died May 14 at his Las Vegas home at age 89.

"We're asking the probate commissioner to approve (Toney) as executor and personal representative of the estate," attorney Brent Bryson said Monday. "The spurious and unjustified allegations made against Ms. Toney by Patty King, Karen Williams and Larissa Drohobyczer will be dealt with at a later time," he added.

Among King's 11 surviving adult children, Williams and Patty King have been most outspoken about the music icon's care in his final days. Through their attorney, Drohobyczer, they accused Toney and B.B. King's personal assistant, Myron Johnson, of poisoning him to hasten his death. Toney and Johnson denied the claims, and Bryson dismissed them as ridiculous, defamatory and libelous. But the allegation prompted an autopsy by the Clark County coroner the day after a King memorial at a Las Vegas funeral chapel. Results of toxicology tests are expected in several weeks. Police said there was no active homicide investigation.

King was buried May 30 at the B.B. King Museum and Delta Interpretive Center in Indianola, Mississippi.

Toney, who managed King's road show business for 39 years and had power-of-attorney over his personal affairs, is the executor named in his will. She declined on Monday to



In this May 7, 2015, file photo, LaVerne Toney, center, arrives in Clark County Family Court in Las Vegas.

comment. A King daughter, Riletta Mitchell, was second in line, but she died last September.

Bryson said Monday the value of King's estate was being tallied, but wasn't expected to amount to the tens of millions of dollars suggested during Williams' failed court bid to wrest guardianship from Toney a month ago.

One court document filed April 29 said one King bank account was believed to have had \$5 million in May 2014, and his home was valued at \$330,000. It said family members were unable to obtain updated figures or determine the value of King's road show business or the rights and royalties from his music.

Drohobyczer has said she represents at least five of King's children who refer to themselves as a family board. She said Monday she'll file papers this week challenging Toney as executor, and didn't want to comment before documents are filed.

Three daughters — Williams and Patty King, both of North Las Vegas, and Barbara King Winfree of Houston — declined to comment Monday about the upcoming probate hearing. They've said previously that they want Toney out of the picture.

"We are the King family," Patty King said. "We are

fighting for the King estate." Son Willie King of Chicago didn't immediately respond to messages.

Daughter Rita Washington, the fifth family board member, denied the fight to re-

move Toney is about money. She accused Toney of misleading family members about King's finances and blocking them from visiting when King was dying.

"Dad died by himself,"

Washington said. "If it was his wish not to let us see him in that condition, she still could have allowed us to visit him."

In documents filed late Friday, Bryson provided an affidavit from one granddaughter who visited King the day before he died, and sworn testimonials from three doctors saying King was properly cared-for before he died in his sleep.

"Mr. King was able to smile, eat, laugh and watch westerns on television up until the time he fell asleep on May 13, 2015," the court document said. It noted he never awoke.

King's personal physician, Dr. Darin Brimhall, said drops that King's daughters said they saw being administered to King in recent months were atropine, a drug commonly administered to people in hospice care to prevent respiratory congestion and difficulty swallowing. □

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Harper Lee misses induction into Ala. Writers Hall of Fame



In this Aug. 20, 2007, file photo, author Harper Lee smiles during a ceremony honoring the four new members of the Alabama Academy of Honor at the Capitol in Montgomery, Ala.

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JAY REEVES

Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — "To Kill a Mockingbird" author Harper Lee missed her induction as an inaugural member of the Alabama

Writers Hall of Fame on Monday just weeks before the release of her second book.

Organizers said the 89-year-old Lee couldn't attend the event, held on the University of Alabama campus. There was no other explanation for Lee's absence, but she only rarely makes public appearances. The author is in declining health and lives in an assisted-living home 150 miles away in the south Alabama town of Monroeville.

"We are so sorry she couldn't make it," said Jeanie Thompson, executive director of the Alabama Writer's Forum, a sponsor of the event.

Lee and 11 other Alabama writers were honored as the hall's first class. Relatives and friends filled two banquet tables set aside for Lee's party, but organizers said members of the writer's family declined to speak to reporters.

Lee's second book, "Go

Set a Watchman," is being released in July.

It was written before the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Mockingbird" but takes place 20 years later.

Lee's agreement to release the book stunned the literary world. "Watchman," set for release July 14, has been ranked No. 1 in new releases on Amazon.com for weeks.

Bragg, the past winner of an award named for Lee, said he was honored to be included in the group.

"I'm in pretty high cotton," said Bragg.

The seven posthumous inductees include antebellum humorist Johnson Jones Hooper; 19th century novelist Augusta Jane Evans Wilson; writer and activist Helen Keller; Harlem Renaissance writer Zora Neale Hurston; novelist and short-story writer William March; critic and novelist Albert Murray; and Helen Norris Bell, a playwright, poet and novelist. □

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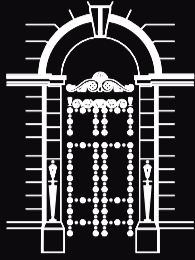
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